



Beacon for Santa?

Shining like "good deed in naughty world" is candle being trimmed by golden-haired Janice Edwards, above. But you may be sure there's no naughtiness this Christmas-tide in world of four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Edwards, 129 Beach Drive, as she places light so Santa can find her tree.—(Ann Wilson).

The Church in Our Time

Public Image Of Church Gains Ground

By JURGEN HESSE
(Eighth of a series)

Victoria clergymen think the public image of the church in Canada is gaining steadily, either generally or "the right kind of church" as one put it.

Four representatives of major denominations see it this way:

● The church is gaining, says Father Michael O'Connell of Roman Catholic St. Andrew's Cathedral. "As misconceptions disappear, the real objectives of the church become more appreciated."

"The self-sacrificing clergy, religious and laity in every country of the world have created an image that is admired by both Christians and non-Christians," he says.

● Wherever the church is being the church it is gaining, says Rev. Laura Butler of Metropolitan United Church in an obvious reference not all churches possess the "right" image.

● The right kind of churches are gaining in public image, says Rev. William Hill of St. George's Martyr Anglican Church. He would not elaborate what this "right kind" is.

● There is a terrible apathy toward the church, says Rev. R. D. Holmes of Central Baptist Church, adding that man is sickened of hypocrisy. "But there is real hunger (in a spiritual sense) as well."

Father O'Connell says other Christians also have an admirable record.

What are other people thinking about this image?

● The church gives "us stability and the right outlook" on life, says L. J. Wallace, an elder of United Church for 16 years and deputy provincial secretary. "Basically the church has shaped me," he adds.

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No Paper Until Friday

There will be no regular edition of The Daily Colonist until Friday morning as colonial staffers will take a two-day break to enjoy the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays.

Friday's paper will feature complete news of the Christmas holiday, including photos and stories of The Daily Colonist Christmas Tree Golf Tournament Wednesday at Colwood.

Nothing Taken

Thieves broke into Hickman Tye Hardware, 910 View, late last night but apparently nothing was taken.

\$100,000 Loot Bagged In Burnaby

BURNABY (CP)—Two armed bandits entered a bank branch here Monday evening and made away with the Christmas Eve deposits of a department store, estimated by police at "more than \$100,000."

The amount of the take in the daringly-executed robbery was in doubt for some time. But six hours after the holdup the RCMP confirmed the total.

The men made their way into the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce branch 1½ hours after closing time, held manager William Barber and employees at gunpoint, and scooped money from a counter.

Mr. Barber at first estimated the loss at \$25,000, but the bank later said the RCMP announcement was correct.

An all-points police bulletin issued by Burnaby RCMP said the men were believed to be driving a two-tone blue car.

Police also gave two names in their bulletin.

YOUNG MEN

Mr. Barber said the men, whom he described as "youngish," entered the bank about 4:30 p.m.

"The bandits sprung a lock on the door as the weekly money was being counted."

"We had a full staff of 10 on at the time but only six were in the main office."

"One of the men just said 'hold it.' They scooped up the money in about two minutes and fled."

NEW PATTERN

"They must have watched the place for weeks. They knew our general pattern of operation."

The branch at Kingsway and McMurray is across the street from Simpson-Sears department store. The money had been deposited earlier by the store, said Mr. Barber.

One of the robbers carried a revolver, the other an automatic. Neither threatened the staff with any physical harm.

Most of the money was in denominations of \$10 and \$20. The robbers left through the door they entered.

Gunmen Hijack \$100,000

DES PLAINES, Ill. (AP)—A Brink's armored car, waiting with a single guard for a collection at a bowling alley, was hijacked Monday night by three masked gunmen who fled with at least \$100,000 police said.

The guard, Frank Neuberger, was surprised by the gunmen while his partner was inside the River Road Bowl making a collection.

Des Plaines is a suburb northwest of Chicago.

The bandits forced their way into the truck at gunpoint, handcuffed and hooded Neuberger with a paper sack then drove the truck to a nearby vacant lot.

In San Diego, Calif., two bandits made off with \$80,000, taking the bank manager along as hostage. He was released unhurt.

And in the Long Island town of Sayville, N.Y., a department store reported the theft of at least \$73,000 in cash from the store safe. The safe had been burned through with acetylene torches. A store official said the local loss could run as high as \$150,000.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Christians the world over are observing the birthday of the Prince of Peace with religious services, feasting and family reunions.

Some 30,000 pilgrims from far corners of the globe flocked to the little town of Bethlehem outside Jerusalem for Christmas celebrations.

CENTRE

In dozens of Roman Catholic and Protestant churches dotting the Holy City, Christmas services have been under way for several days. The centre of worship is the sixth-century Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Christ was born of Mary.

In the annual spirit of goodwill the ancient Mangerhouse Gate was opened to allow Israeli Arabs to visit with relatives in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem, near Bethlehem.

PAPAL BLESSING

In Vatican City, Pope John XXIII celebrated Christmas Eve mass and gave his apostolic blessing to "all the human family."

The 81-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church, recovering from a serious illness, threatened the pressmen particularly to the old and infirm and those "suffering for their faith"—a clear reference to curbs on religion in Communist countries.

WHITE, COLD

It was a white Christmas—and a cold one—for most of western Europe. Booming prosperity made it a gay holiday, too, with thousands going on tours. Ski resorts were packed out.

Queen Elizabeth and other members of the Royal Family gathered at Sandringham, the monarch's country estate.

For most Italians it was a quiet and white Christmas.

Communist-ruled Poland was brightened by gaily-lit Christmas trees. Even the Communists got into the spirit of

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Queen Speaks

LONDON (CP)—The Queen, in her annual Christmas message today, emphasized the "special relations" which bind the "ordinary people of the older Commonwealth countries."

(See Page 2.)

Operation Hailed

Last Plane Arrives From Cuba

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The final plane load of Cuban invasion prisoners dropped out of a partly overcast Miami sky Monday night for joyous Christmas Eve family reunions, ending an operation hailed by President Kennedy.

The last plane of the two-day Havana-Miami airlift was the ninth flight which touched down at Homestead Air Force Base at 6:30 p.m. PST.

Aboard the craft was a trio of men who led the volunteer

brigade of some 2,000 in the April 17, 1961 abortive Bay of Pigs invasion. (See Page 3.)

They were Jose Peres San Roman, the military commander; Anselmo Oliva, second in command; and Manuel Ortigueira, a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Council.

They were last sighted with a "steak platter" from Fidel Castro's early release of 25 Americans in Cuban jails.

MIAMI (UPI)—New York attorney James Desoyers, flushed with his success in negotiating a swap of goods for Cuban invasion prisoners, came home last night with a "steak platter" from Fidel Castro's early release of 25 Americans in Cuban jails.

who represented American interests in negotiations with Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

President Kennedy, at the winter White House at Palm Beach, Fla., said "this Christmas will be a little brighter for all Americans because these men are being united with their loved ones."

He said he believed "that bringing about the freedom of these prisoners and saving them from a slow death is in the interest of our national principles."

CHRISTMAS BONUS

Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro tacked what he called a "Christmas bonus" onto his agreement to free the invasion captives. The bearded revolutionary said 1,000 of their kinfolk in Cuba could follow them as a freighter which brought prisoner ransom to Havana.

At Homestead Air Force Base, where liberated prisoners were expatriated and kissed American soil, and at Miami, where their families and friends clasped for them, Christmas Eve was a sight to behold.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

It was a day of wildly happy "abrazos"—Latin bearing embraces—and tears of sheer joy as Operation Ransom roared into high gear in a determined effort to have all 1,113 invasion survivors on free U.S. soil well in time for Christmas.

City Blaze Injures Firefighter

A city fireman was injured while fighting a blaze at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Vance, 2547 Garden Street, late last night.

Treated at Royal Jubilee Hospital for a cut hand was Lieut. Harry Martson, 43 Arundel, who injured his hand while smashing a window to release heat. Mrs. Vance, a waitress, was not home when the fire was reported at 10:55 p.m. Its cause was not known at press time.

The living room was gutted and there was heavy smoke damage to the other rooms.

After Hectic Good-Will Tour, Santa Rests

Too tired to undress after chasing all over the world last night, delivering presents and wishing peace on earth among people of all nations, is jolly but weary Santa Claus, fast asleep on his bed.—(Ryan Bros.)



ANDY CAPP



"The way yer talk, yer'd think I was completely — pass me fags — dependent on yer, Florrie!"

Tramps Get 'Antidote' With Dinner

SWANSEA, Wales (Reuters)—Tramps who have a free Christmas dinner at a Swansea church will be offered free indigestion powders afterwards, says the church's minister, Rev. Leon Atkin.

Last year, the rich seasonal fare of turkey and Christmas pudding gave trouble to many tramps accustomed to a plain diet of bread and cheese.

Your Good Health

You Might as Well Face Colds

By JOSEPH MOLNER, MD
(First of two articles on colds)

What's your favorite cold remedy? No, don't tell me! I've probably heard it before and I may even have tried it because when I was young and dreamy-eyed I still nurtured the hope that perhaps some of the various folk remedies (new or old) might possibly work.

I've never found one. What is more important, neither have the thousands of doctors who have wrestled with the problem of the common cold, which costs us more in lost days of work and pay than any disease known.

So, if there isn't any cold remedy that works, what are we supposed to do about it?

UNDERSTAND THEM

I say, "Understand colds, as well as we can." The first step is knowing that the word cold is not a very good term but we've had it so long that I don't suppose we can change now.

It would be more accurate to refer to "respiratory infections," but I can't imagine either you or me, with a red, sore nose that isn't much use for breathing purposes, muttering, "I got a respiratory infection id by dose." We'll still say, "I got a cold."

But we should remember, in our misery, that cold really means one of perhaps 100 or more infections that find the mucous membranes of our noses and other breathing passages an easy place to nest.

Influenza is a respiratory disease, too, but of a somewhat different nature which causes aching, fever and a generally worn-out feeling. Too many times it even causes death, principally among old or chronically ill people already suffering from heart, lung or other disorders. It often hits pregnant women rather hard, too.

On the other hand, many a cold is really a mild flu, meaning that the patient already has acquired partial immunity to the germ.

For the most part, colds and flu are caused by viruses or very similar organisms, and not by bacteria. In fact, I know of only one major exception, a pneumonia-like variety which can be successfully treated with an antibiotic drug. The rest can't. Antibiotics have no effect on viruses and that is why the pointless (and sometimes dangerous) custom of taking a shot of penicillin for a cold has properly died out.

ONLY PREVENTION

Flu shots, therefore, make sense in preventing some colds, but there just isn't, as yet, anything to take to stop a cold after it has started. An annual flu shot, I believe, is good for everybody, regardless of whether an epidemic is anticipated.

Father Also Victim

Nine Children Die in Fire

BROUGHTON, N.S. (CP)—Nine children under the age of 12 died with their father Monday when a pre-dawn fire swept through the bungalow in this tiny Cape Breton Island community.

The mother escaped by breaking a window and hurried half a mile through snow 1½ feet deep to summons aid. It arrived too late. The only other member of the family to survive was a daughter staying in Halifax.

The fire struck in still, freezing weather a few hours after the family had trimmed the Christmas tree.

Dead are Robert Bateman, 33, an unemployed coal miner who perished in an apparent attempt to save his children. The dead children are Bobby, 11; Jean, 9; Daniel, 8; Norman,

7; Eddy, 6; Nancy, 4; Cathy, 3; Debby, 2 and Sharon, five months.

Mrs. Bateman, 31, was reported to have fainted while

trying to get two children through a window to safety. She revived and barely managed to get out herself, cutting her hands on the broken glass.

The other Bateman child, 13-year-old Peggy, was visiting in Halifax.

The bodies were recovered from the ruins of the isolated, single-story modern dwelling. Cause of the blaze was not disclosed.

Glace Bay RCMP said all the bodies were found in one corner of the destroyed home.

Mr. Bateman, a part-time farmer, was a miner at New Waterford's No. 16 colliery until its closure last summer. Recently he got some employment at the federal government's \$12,000,000 restoration of nearby Fort Louisbourg.

Mrs. Bateman ran to rouse neighbors after she escaped. A youth was sent to the Four

Peace Costs

Bennett Denies Cut Forced

KELOWNA (CP)—Premier Bennett has denied a Liberal charge that money lenders dictated the \$100,000,000 cut in the cost of the \$880,000,000 Peace River power project.

In a statement issued from his home here, Premier Bennett said Sunday he didn't want to get into a controversy at Christmas, but:

"I can't let these charges stand unanswered. People might think they were true."

FOLLOWED VISIT

Ray Perrault, provincial leader of the Liberal party, said Saturday the reduction followed soon after a visit to the project site by representatives of First Boston Corporation of New York.

"It seems significant that this reduction in the scope of the proposed project follows their visit."

NO ONE DICTATED

Premier Bennett said nobody had dictated to the Social Credit government on its Peace River policies.

"I have always acted only in the interests of the people of B.C."

The government announced Friday that the cost cut resulted from reducing the height of the proposed Portage Mountain dam and the lake behind it, thus avoiding relocation of an Indian village and public utilities.

COST LOWERED

The premier said lower interest rates and new engineering proposals would cut the cost of delivering Peace power to the Lower Mainland from 4.37 mills to 3.75 mills.

JAPAN, TOO

The Japanese, growing more western in their ways, celebrated with a spending and drinking spree. About 700,000 Japanese—most of them non-Christian—thronged downtown Tokyo on Christmas Eve.

President Chiang Kai-shek's government on Formosa—host to 10,000 American military personnel and family—proclaimed Dec. 25 a national holiday. But it was named "Constitution Day," with no religious significance. While Chiang and his wife are Christians, most people on Formosa are non-Christians.

Note to Mrs. G. M.: You have been thoroughly checked. In about one-third of the cases of sterility, the cause is with the husband. Has he been checked, too?

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The Weather

DECEMBER 25, 1962

Mainly clear. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Monday's sunshine, 5 hours 48 minutes; precipitation, nil. Wednesday outlook, increasing cloudiness.

Recorded Temperatures

High—39 Low—31

Forecast Temperatures

High—42 Low—30

Sunrise—8:06 Sunset—4:23

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Considerable cloudiness near Georgia Strait this morning, otherwise mainly clear. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Monday's high and low at Nanaimo, 39 and 22; precipitation, nil. Forecast high and low 40 and 22. Wednesday outlook, cloudy.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Variable cloudiness. Slightly warmer. Light winds. Forecast high and low at Estevan Point, 45 and 35. Wednesday outlook, mainly cloudy.

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Queen's Message

We Can All Follow Star

LONDON (Reuters) — Following is the text of the Queen's annual Christmas broadcast:
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
There is something wonderful in the way these old familiar warm-hearted words of the traditional Christmas message never seem to grow stale. Surely it is because the family festival is like a firm landmark in the stormy seas of modern life.
Year by year, our families

change and grow up. So does our Commonwealth family. This year, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Uganda have joined the circle as full members and we wish them all good fortune.
My husband and I are greatly looking forward to re-visiting New Zealand and Australia in the new year. We shall meet many old friends and make new ones and we shall be very interested to see some of the many new developments which have taken place since I was last there nine years ago.

The wise men of old followed a star. Modern man has built one. But unless the message of this new star is the same as theirs our wisdom will count for naught. Now we can all say the world is my neighbor and it is only in serving one another that we can reach for the stars. God bless you all.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II
... 'unfolding bond'

Prisoners' Saga Unfolded

By JOE MCGOWAN JR.
MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The Cuban rebels waded ashore at the Bay of Pigs in the pre-dawn darkness of April 19, 1961, confident they would free their homeland from the brutal grip of Fidel Castro.
But the invasion of Cuba was crushed and more than 1,113 officers and men were taken prisoner.
They were imprisoned for 11 months before Castro brought them to a televised show trial held on a basketball court inside Principe Castle, a colonial fortress on a hill in the heart of Havana.

Principe (prince) was built by the Spaniards in the 18th century as part of the city's defense against pirate attacks.
At the end of the trial, the captives were sentenced to prison terms up to 30 years unless they paid fines ranging from \$25,000 for ordinary prisoners up to \$500,000 for three leaders.
One month after the invasion was crushed, Castro made a speech in which he offered to exchange the prisoners for 500 tractors.

TRACTOR DEAL
Castro released 10 of the prisoners long enough to tour the United States and plead for funds to buy tractors. The campaign fell through when the Cuban government demanded high-powered earth-moving machines instead of farm tractors offered by a group of American citizens.
Two of the 10 prisoners—Reinaldo Pico and Mirto Colazo—refused to return to Cuba, and the other eight went back without them.

NOT AVAILABLE
Castro then withdrew the trade offer and put the brigade on trial before a military tribunal.
In addition to Pico and Colazo, 22 other members of the brigade no longer were available for trial.

Nine prisoners had died of suffocation when they were jammed into a vehicle at the Bay of Pigs during the fighting. Seven more were reported to have died from wounds while receiving treatment at Havana's naval hospital.

EXECUTED
Five were tried by a revolutionary tribunal in Santa Clara in September, 1961, and executed on charges of collaborating with the regime of deposed dictator Fulgencio Batista. One more died in prison of cancer.
Castro used the trial to hurl insults and accusations at the United States. He said if another invasion should occur, there would be no prisoners. All invaders would be shot, he declared.
Castro's demand for release of the prisoners, announced upon completion of the trial, was three times his original offer. It totalled \$62,000,000.

FAMILY GROUP
The Cuban families committee took over efforts to free the captives after the American citizens group gave up the project.
In April of this year, four families committee members went to Havana in an unsuccessful attempt to induce Castro to reduce the \$62,000,000 figure. The negotiators were Alvaro Sanchez, committee chairman; Enrique Llaes, vice-treasurer; and Mrs. Virgilia Betancourt and Ernesto Freyre.

HOPE
The committee later persuaded Castro to free 88 of the most serious and wounded on a promise of cash payment. They were flown to Miami for medical treatment, and later joined the committee in its fund drive.
Families of several of the prisoners obtained the freedom of their loved ones by making individual payments to Castro.
Hope for liberation of the prisoners had never been dimmer when New York lawyer James Donovan entered the picture.

FEELING SPREADS

In spite of all the changes of the modern world and the many stresses and strains involved, the feeling of a special relationship between the ordinary people of the older Commonwealth countries will never be weakened. This feeling is rapidly spreading throughout the newer members and in its turn will help us to realize the ideal of human brotherhood.
—In the ideal of the Commonwealth we have been entrusted with something very special. We have in our hands a most potent force for good, and one of the true unifying bonds in this torn world. Let us keep faith with the ideal we know to be right and be ambitious for the good of all men.

INVISIBLE FOCUS

Mankind continues to achieve wonders in technical and space research but in the Western world perhaps the launching of Telstar has captured the imagination most vividly. This tiny satellite has become the invisible focus of a million eyes.
Telstar, and her sister satellites as they arise, can now show the world to the world just as it is in its daily life. What a wonderfully exciting prospect and perhaps it will make us stop and think about what sort of picture we are presenting to each other.

FOLLOW STAR

Wise men since the beginning of time have studied the skies. Whatever our faith, we can all follow a star—indeed we must follow one if the immensity of the future opening before us is not to dazzle our eyes and dissipate our sense of direction.
How is it, people wonder, that we are forever seeking new worlds to conquer before we have properly put our own house in order.

Some people are uncertain which star to follow, or if any star is worth following at all. What is it all for, they ask, if you can bounce a telephone conversation, or a television picture through the skies and across the world, yet still find lonely people living in the same street?

MANY MEANINGS

Following a star has many meanings: It can mean the religious man's approach to God or the hopes of parents for their children, or the ambition of young men and women, or the devotion of old countries like ours to well-tryed ideals of tolerance and justice, with no distinction of race or creed.

Cold Snap's On Except for B.C.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Just about everybody's conception of ideal Christmas weather should prevail throughout the country today.

East of the Rockies, a white Christmas seemed in store for just about everyone. In places where snow wasn't forecast, ground cover of varying thicknesses already exists.

EXCEPT B.C.

The whole of Canada except British Columbia was in the grip of a cold snap. Temperatures on the West Coast skidded to the low 20s Sunday but the frost gave away Monday to a bright warm day. This pattern was expected to continue for a few days.

A weekend snow storm dumped four inches of snow on Newfoundland's Avalon peninsula. The western part of the province already had enough snow to be measured in feet. Snow was expected in the St. John's area today.

The nippy weather was expected to continue today in Alberta and Saskatchewan, with temperatures sticking at five to 10 degrees below normal seasonable averages. Temperatures forecast were five above to five below in Alberta and 10 to 15 degrees below in Saskatchewan.

No new snow was predicted but northern Alberta and Saskatchewan were already blanketed by four to five inches. There was some in western Saskatchewan and southern Alberta has only a trace.

30 BELOW SEEN

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Europe Shivering Under Icy Blast

LONDON (Reuters)—Much of Europe shivered under an icy Christmas Eve blast Monday but it was comparatively warm in some parts of the Arctic.

The temperature at Utqja, Finland, about 220 miles north of the Arctic circle, was 41 degrees and Arctic parts of Sweden had rain or damp misty weather.

But southern Sweden had snow and thermometer readings down to one degree, and icy weather reports came from West Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Britain.

The cold front penetrated south to cover most of Spain as well.

Helicopter crews and workmen worked to free rail lines and roads hit by snowstorms and avalanches in Switzerland and Austria.

Italian workers cut off by deep snow at building sites in the Swiss Alps were flown by helicopter to valley railroad stations in order to get home for Christmas.

A helicopter also flew a priest to celebrate Christmas mass in the 8,000-foot-high village of Imfeld, the highest in southern Switzerland, which has been isolated for the last two weeks.

Southern Switzerland was expected to have record snow for Christmas.



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Troops Feast In Congo Heat

LEOPOLDVILLE. The Congo (Reuters) — Troops of the United Nations Congo force prepared to celebrate Christmas—with Swedish Christmas trees and Canadian cranberry sauce—amid torrential rains and temperatures near 80 degrees.

Canadian, Swedish, Irish and Norwegian contingents planned traditional celebrations against a background of fresh violence in Elisabethville in conflict with forces of secessionist Katanga province.

OFFICER DIES

An Indian lieutenant died Monday following the shooting down of a UN helicopter and five other men aboard were "badly beaten up," according to a UN spokesman reporting the new action.
The 250 officers and men of the Canadian UN contingent

will have a full-scale Christmas dinner with turkey, cranberry sauce, Christmas cake, plum pudding and mince meat flown from Canada.

CHURCH SERVICES

Although most of the Canadians, who handle the world organization's communications network, will work through the holiday, two church services have been arranged for them along with a program of old French-Canadian songs complete with choir.

Ship Calendar

REMARKS
Victoria—Albert Tamm, leading member for U.K.; Oscar Seignior, grain for Chile.
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The plane, carrying photographers, flew 80 miles out to sea.
The plane's pilot overflew San Salvador Island in returning, which pointed up the difficulties the Nina's crew may have in spotting the speck of land using their 13th century navigational equipment.
Development board officials said on the basis of their flight

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THE DAILY COLONIST

Happy Christmas

AND numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment. How many families, whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide, in the restless struggles of life, are then reunited, and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will, which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight; and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike number it among the first joys of a future condition of existence provided for the blessed and happy! How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, does Christmastime awaken! . . .

Happy, happy Christmas that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveller, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home!

—THE PICKWICK PAPERS.

Lustrous Tradition

AFTER TWENTY-FIVE years, the annual Christmas lighting contest with its attendant bus tours and private sightseeing has become firmly entrenched as a Greater Victoria tradition, adding lustre to the community in more ways than one.

The contest has set a pattern followed on lesser yet gay and inviting scale, and often with a wealth of imagination and ingenuity, at hundreds of homes by residents whose ambition doesn't run to entering the formal competition, but who use the medium of decoration and illumination outdoors as well as in to express their Yuletide amity to their neighbors and to all who pass by. Thus at this season almost every street and district becomes a wonderland at night, with crowning masterpieces liberally sprinkled throughout the city.

One may be apt to take the friendly rivalry to outdo one another in turning windows and doorways and gardens and whole homes into Christmas greetings as a matter of course, forgetting that without the institution of the organized contest a quarter of a century ago by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and its continuance since then by enthusiastic generations of Jaycees there might at this time be far less merry radiance to Greater Victoria at Christmas.

Every Victorian whose eye is gladdened by the glowing lights owes gratitude to the Junior Chamber and to all who through the years have vied so delightfully, and worked so hard, in competition which has set the pace for an ever brighter and more beautiful Christmas scene.

On Top of the Job

ONE RATHER suspects that Christmas mailing dates are advanced to give the post office a nice margin of clearance so that no deliveries will go short before December 25. It is good strategy and it pays off. It helps to educate the public as to the wisdom of mailing early and it prevents interruption of ordinary business mail which come the Yuletide or any other special occasion has to be dealt with.

In the result the local post office was able to report last Saturday night an "all clear." No backlog remained. The staff was well on top of their job. A veritable mountain of mail had been handled. This reflects efficiency and a willing spirit of co-operation by post office personnel. One need only try to visualize what 6,000,000 pieces of mail means—the number received, dispatched or delivered during the first 21 days of this month—to appreciate what an immense task it is to cope with postal business at this time of the year.

We are apt to take postal transmission for granted, one of those automatic things that day by day will eventuate without fail. Especially at Christmas we expect the cards and parcels to arrive on the front doorstep as though put there by magic. A kind of magic it is, too, but brought about only by the good work of one government department that knows how to meet a crisis. We owe the staff at the Government Street building a nice vote of thanks; Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without their strenuous efforts to see that none of us is disappointed. As in the past, this year again they have done well.

Hansard Titbits

No Twisting

LION. PAUL MARTIN (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs a question? Because of the misgivings as to the success of the current disarmament discussions in Geneva expressed by the minister yesterday in Toronto, and as reported over the CBC last night, will the minister give the House the reasons for the view that he now takes with regard to the present discussions in Geneva?

Hon. Howard C. Green (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, during the course of a very interesting speech yesterday to the Empire Club in Toronto, I pointed out that . . .

Mr. Pearson: Interesting to whom?

Mr. Green—progress in the eighteen-nation disarmament committee meeting in Geneva had not been as great as I expected. That is as far as I went. I did not say that the negotiations were hopeless.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): May I ask a supplementary question. From what the minister has said now and from what he said yesterday would I be right in concluding that the minister was preparing the Canadian public for an announcement by the government of a decision to acquire nuclear weapons?

Mr. Green: No, Mr. Speaker, I am not as devious as is the hon. member from Essex East.



Thinking Aloud

... of shoes, and ships,
and sealing was . . .

By TOM TAYLOR

JINGLE BELLS, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way; oh what fun,
So runs the carol about the one-horse open sleigh, and immediately we envision the good Saint Nicholas with, instead of one horse, half-a-dozen reindeer.
And each of them belled, tinkling as they gallop.
A wondrous thing may be a bell, especially at this season of the year.
Christmas bells, your magic notes
Ring out, and like a dream there floats
Before our eyes comes once we knew,
Oh, happy days when dreams came true,
So pens a reader in poetic vein.

But of course the happy days are not all gone. They may be eternal, and savored by each succeeding generation. And today once more the bells peal in glad acclaim. They are a symbol of the Christmas spirit, of the tidings of this great day in Christendom.
Bells have many uses. They may call school children to classes; they may summon the faithful to church; they may herald the opening of a door; they may leave orchestral sound; they may lighten a barracks square.
They tend to be outmoded now by buzzers, but buzzer could equal the pleasing tinkle of a bell!

Bells and mankind have long been linked. Bells have rung the hour for baths, have called warriors to arms, have tolled the time for sailors, have sent fire brigades on their missions of rescue.
They have rung for victory and as a valedictory.

And this morn they ring out so that you and I, all of us, may take heart afresh, be at peace in spirit and in mind, and celebrate a festival that touches the roots of mankind.

Four more lines from my reader set the mood and theme:

Spirit of Christmas, be with us today,
And close to our loved ones far away,
Let long-past memories weave their spells,
And hearts grow brighter with the Christmas bells.
The Star of Bethlehem shines this morn above this column; may it shine on all of its readers.
And may the bells spell out from me to you: A Merry Christmas.

Today In History

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
The British garrison at Hong Kong surrendered to the Japanese 21 years ago today—in 1941. The defenders included two Canadian battalions that had arrived less than two months previously. Of the 1,975 Canadians, 357 were lost.
Hong Kong was finally liberated by British troops in August, 1945, and civil government was established in May the next year.

To Space-Conscious Generation

Meaning of Christmas

By JANE SCOTT

WHAT does Christmas mean to a space-conscious generation?

Christmas 1962 downs on a topsy-turvy world, a world that is a study in contrasts, peopled with men and women with split personalities, who run the whole gamut of human emotions and reactions—many of them without hope or ambition. They despair of achieving anything themselves, and lack faith to believe that anyone can do anything for them.

Others are driven by compulsion to reach for the stars, and work feverishly to conquer every obstacle in this world and in outer space.
What does Christmas mean to this heterogeneous multitude milling about on our little planet?

It has a different meaning for every individual. To the hopeful and ambitious, it means greater hope, opportunity; to the despairing it means more despair. For such will envy the happy, joyful people who commemorate the birthday of their King with praise, adoration and feasting.

But there are groups of people who have enough in common to be categorized. What does Christmas mean to these? For the first time in history spacemen can be

grouped into two categories. Christian eyes will turn to Cape Canaveral, envisioning the launching pad from which a few conditioned astronauts were shot into orbit—some of them Christians with a vision of conquering new worlds for Christ.

On Christmas these will forget their achievements and their dreams to be the first man on Mars or Venus and how at the foot of first and greatest inter-space traveler who once "looked down from heaven upon the children of men" and saw their plight and who, at Christmas time "came down from heaven," not to conquer new worlds, but to save an old world.

To accomplish His mission, Jesus "laid aside His glory and took upon Him the form of man." He left a cross standing on the hill of Golgotha, centuries before the Russians were to deposit the Hammer and Sickle on the moon. And the Christian community turns back to honor the man who was born to be King for His completed mission.

But there is a larger group of skeptical space-conscious men who do not recognize the One who came down to earth. These have their eyes

turned upward and their hearts set upon conquering Mars, Venus and the moon. They ignore the voices of the past and ask: Are other planets inhabited? They ask because they will not believe the answers already revealed and answered by the Christ of Christmas who came down from a region inhabited with beings created by God to live and move in weightlessness without benefit of space suit or capsule.

What does Christmas mean to the atheist? It is a time when they ridicule and despise the simple folk who, by faith, have seen the heavenly hosts and heard and understood their tidings of great joy.

The messengers that rent the sky and startled the shepherds were able to communicate with earthmen and be understood. "You will find the babe in a manger," directed the angel. And they found Mary and Joseph and the child, "as the angel had said."

It may not be long before an athletic spaceman from earth lands on an inhabited planet. And he may have difficulty making himself understood and convincing the inhabitants that he came UP from earth. And in his haste to prove himself and his mission he may lose his life. History may repeat itself: It may take 2,000 years to convince Martians that the planet earth is inhabited and some may never be convinced.

Many are still not convinced that Jesus came down to earth from Heaven, and that He ascended again into Heaven. But an increasing number of every tribe and nation have accepted Him and His mission and will join the angels in praise and adoration from Bethlehem to the farthest outposts of the world.

It is significant that the birth of Christ heralded a resurgence of interest in the heavens. The wise men affirmed: "We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." The shepherds were incredulous and amazed when they looked up and saw and heard the heavenly host and announced the good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

But not all people in Bethlehem welcomed the divine guest who came down from Heaven to be the Servant of the world. But some did and to these Christmas means new life and hope and adventure and renewed interest in the things which are not seen but which are eternal.

And year by passing year the day draws nearer when "every knee shall bow" before the Man born to be King. From some unexplored region the Christ of Christmas will return to convince the skeptics that He is who He claimed to be when He came to Bethlehem as a child. And millions who have this hope will bow on Christmas day to worship "Christ the new born King."

Old Dark Defeated

Night Into Day

By IVOR BROWN from London

IT is one of the cruelties of British life that fine weather in the winter is so often ruined by the heavy mist on the frosty ground. A few hundred feet up there is radiant sunshine, but the people on the earth are blanketed, groping and gasping in what Dr. Johnson called the "insipidated gloom."

There is nothing new in this. If Homer could not in the bright day of the Aegean Sea, Shakespeare could wheeze as he went to work in the already smoky air of his coal-importing London.

In his play of Henry V he made the French marvel that there could be mistle in the soldiers' foggy, raw, and dull where "the sun looks pale, killing their fruit with frowns." However, the English made their decisive reply at Agincourt and have repeatedly proved that mistle lies more in the nature of the man than in the air he breathes.

Indeed, after the gloomy rain-soaked summer of 1962, sandwiched between two winters inevitably dark with recurrent Johnsonian insipidations, it was reasonable to conclude, since life goes rumbling on, that sunshine is inessential to human existence. No doubt a clear sky adds, when it comes, to the gaiety of a nation. But the British are used to month after month of what they call in the north the "dribly" days. These they can endure and scarcely notice as they plod to work or endeavor in their leisure to discern footballers (and sometimes even their summer cricketers) through a mist, darkly.

In their cities people can now nearly everywhere combat darkness with increasing success, and this of course is of far more importance than round the Mediterranean and in the Middle East which were the cradles of so many civilizations.

To the ancient Egyptians night was a relief from glaring light and scorching heat and their successors, in the development of arts and amenities in Crete, Greece and round the seas normally blue, had no such enemy in the blackness of short days and long nights as the still barbaric nations had to face in the north.

A point often overlooked by the social historians in the struggle against nature's black-out which men were conducting with the feeble aid of candles and of oil-lamps, if oil they had.

It is little wonder that in Shakespeare's plays there are grumbles about the "wasting oil" and the weak and guttering flame of "stinking tallow," as he called it. His reading and writing, which had to be nocturnal, since the actors were rehearsing and performing in the mornings and afternoons, was done under an odious handicap of wretched visibility. The old printers working through the English winter in houses with small windows and with the feeblest forms of artificial light must have labored in wretched conditions, a fact to be remembered when we study mistakes and confusions in the texts which they put into type, perhaps plagued by bad handwriting, certainly with electricity denied them.

The Packsack

Likely Survivor

By GREGORY CLARK

THE turkey which today occupies millions of dining tables all over the continent is probably the native North American bird most likely to survive.

The turkey is, of course, a native of America. Early in the 1500s, the Spanish explorers carried turkeys home from Mexico and Central America, and in a very short time, the huge birds were established in the farmyards in many parts of Europe. In the early 1600s, Champlain compared the birds he encountered in Nova Scotia with what he called the "European" bird; so we can figure that a hundred years was enough to have established the turkey in Europe as a domestic fowl.

In America, of course, from Nova Scotia to Florida, and inland as far as the Great Plains, the turkey, in huge flocks, was so abundant as to be a nuisance to the pioneer farmers. As a wild bird today, it survives almost solely on the game preserves of wealthy men in the south, and in stately protected transplantations in Pennsylvania and a few other areas.

As a domesticated bird, however, in America and Europe, it is likely to survive, even if all our other native game birds, grouse, quail, ducks and geese, fall final victims to the ever-swelling armies of sportsmen, and our songbirds all perish from insecticides and weed killers.

We may think correctly of Elizabethan England as gay and sparkling in spirit and in wit; but, while court and courtiers could afford a fine array of costly candles and a blaze of torches, the citizens moved amid the murk and the authors worked away with their squeaking quills in conditions intolerable to us.

The British Christmas now is a glitter of urban radiance. All the year in London the major buildings and central sweep of the Thames have been floodlit with majestic effects. Christmas further brings to the chief shopping streets ingeniously and expensively contrived illuminations over the centre of the road, so that this part of the town becomes a sort of huge Christmas tree itself and a panorama which many thousands flock to see.

Charles Dickens, who has recorded his fascination by the tinsel and sparkle of a tiny Christmas tree in the home, would have immensely rejoiced in these far-flung wonderments which have come to the place where he had to find his way by inadequate gas-lamps. To the Elizabethan the spectacle of a town lit up would have been a miracle scarcely credible in its comforting defeat of his great enemy, the dark.

Christianity gradually brought its seasonal revels of the divine Birth Day, with their ceremonies of worship as well as of feasting. But deep in the hearts of the people, especially in the countryside, was the old pagan celebration of another birth, that of the New Year, with its slowly but surely lengthening daylight. Their myths and mummeries were centred on the glory of resurrection, symbolized in the death of an old, black, wintry year and the rising of a new one, with increasing light and a stirring of vegetation. For centuries the Christian feast was less regarded than the secular salute, made with abundance of Saturnalian capers, to the passing of the solstice and the coming of the light.

The further north, the more gladness. Scotland has long made its New Year rather than Christmas the day of banquet and jubilation. Away to the north, the Scandinavian peoples, who really know what darkness can be, make in the turn of the year their deepest expressions of relief. In the Shetland Islands, where the Scandinavian spirit has lingered, they kindle with high revels the New Year blaze of "Up-Helly-Aa," when a specially made ship or galley of ancient type is set on fire at the end of the Helly (or Yule) season.

Such a carnival of conflagration has its echoing crackle and glow elsewhere. We pre all Up-Hellyans to some extent. The great Christmas tree from Norway which kindles its gentle fire in Trafalgar Square, as well as the dazle of shopping-street bazaar, are London's modest equivalent of the great fires which have warmed and still warm the Yuletide routines of much more primitive folk.

Electricity came in much later as an ally of gas in the battle against black night. In 1890 the new electric lamp was exhibited in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, but expansion of its use was not hurried. Dickens, who died in 1870, did not live to see electric lighting introduced into one or two London theatres in 1878, or the arc-lamps which began to illumine the city streets in 1880.

We have to read history by its candle-light to see both its strengths and its losses in these true colors. The old blinding of wicks and trimming and priming of lamps meant much domestic labor which we are thankful to avoid. Their absence was of a noisier kind, but who that has to rise while it is dark is not grateful for the electric switch, and who that has to make journeys after a dark on a winter afternoon or before dawn or a winter morning is not glad that he can go out without groping?

The danger now lies in the opposite direction. The blinding headlights of a motor-car can be as dangerous as the old fumes of darkness itself. The very fact that we so often apply the adjective blinding to a light is proof that the security so long concealed by night has not yet been wholly won by turning night into day.

It was once a common family habit in England to read Dickens aloud at Christmas; if the spoken reading of that master has become much rarer, many like to give some of their Christmas leisure to a quiet return to him or some other old writer of established enjoyment and repute. Such authors, to be best appreciated, should be revisited with the old darkness of their "periods" in mind. Their ghost stories become ghastlier, their satires and disasters more sinister, and their relish of a Yuletide flame the better understood.

Church's Image Gains Ground

Continued from Page 1

"Those people who criticize the churches are the ones who don't know enough about its outlook. They should belong (to the church) and help influence it. Some sit on the outside with an excuse," he adds.

Christianity doesn't provide the answer, says Dr. Brock Chisholm, of Sooke, former director of the World Health Organization. "The major concern of the churches today is their own survival."

However, public opinion is strongly in favor of the church, he adds.

The churches are trying to hold the ground they made but they are up against an apathy in theological problems, says Prof. Tony Emery of Victoria University.

"I think they are losing (in the public image), especially with the young," says Mr. Marian Sherman, a retired physician. "I often speak to teenagers, they have more discerning minds today."

"I'm not antagonistic toward the church but rather sad they are missing the boat instead of making a contribution toward social health," she adds. The churches want to stay



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... 'gives stability'



PROF. TONY EMERY
... up against apathy

blind, the scientific humanist charges.

'Right Thing'

A young mother of three says she likes the church service, so she attends more or less regularly. She sends her children to Sunday school be-

cause "it's the right thing to do."

As to her basic faith she says: "I like to believe in a personal God, but I don't know enough about religion."

"I never really understood it."

Bone to Pick

Her husband has a bone to pick with the United Church in Canada.

"The United Church and its moderator Rev. R. J. Mutchmor run the country this side of Ottawa," he charges.

"In entertainment, drinking, your own personal freedom—R is always the United Church leading the vanguard."

The 30-year-old Victorian then started out saying he considered Mr. Mutchmor "a phony" but asked me not to put this down if his name was going to be published.

Lively Debate

From this interview in the couple's home emerged a lively, sometimes heated debate between husband and wife.

She is going to church, he is not. She believes in the comfort the church gives her, he couldn't care less about the church.

But he made it clear that what irked him was not so much religion as such as the influence of the church, and in particular the United Church. His wife accused him of being biased.

He maintained he had good reason to be.

Reactions

Are these discussions in the innermost family circle symptomatic of the public's attitude toward the church's image in Canada?

Another interview with two teachers also brought about hefty reactions.

Both male teachers are immigrants from the United Kingdom. One told me he is an atheist, the other said he is basically a believer.

The atheist: "I think the church has a rather pathetic image here in Canada. The public awareness of the church is very limited."

'Advantage'

The believer: "If a teacher is a member of a church congregation it is very good. It is an advantage to school children he teaches."

The teacher who says he attends church services at weddings of friends, and some-

times on Christmas or other religious holidays maintained he is not indifferent to religion: "I accept Martin Luther's idea that religion is an affair of the individual." He explained he didn't have to go to church in order to be a good member of the Anglican Church.

Challenge

His colleague challenged him on this ground:

"People who do not attend church but still maintain they are Christians have unconsciously rejected all religious belief."

The battle of words raged on until the atheist teacher said:

"Atheists are the only ethical people, they do good without doing it for the reason they are members of the church."

At this point, his colleague burst out angrily that he didn't think this was a valid and fair assertion.

Doesn't Like Ad

There was a silence.

"Anyway," finally the atheist



Solos at 10

Ten-year-old Judy Mewis sits behind wheel of car she drove 30 miles after her mother fell and broke tail bone of her spine while chopping Christmas tree for family. On her mother's instructions, she rushed her mother home by taking her solo drive down busy freeway.

teacher said. "I don't like the advertisement on milk cartons—attend the church of your choice—because it equates churchgoing with respectability."

The atmosphere soon was relaxed again.

The two teachers—friends despite their differences on churches and religion—then went on to discuss whether an atheist teacher could refrain from injecting his belief in his teaching.

Fared Badly

(More about this in tomorrow's article.)

The public image of the church fared badly when I interviewed two housewives.

"The church is a refuge, a last resort for people. But when they go to church it doesn't mean a return to Christianity," said one of the women.

"Humanity is a best. People like to dress up once a week, they like to feel nice inside when they go to church," said Mrs. Marguerite Camp, 1509 Beach Drive.

"It's a lovely conformity to feel you have done a little good."

Whether this public image of the church reflects a positive or a negative attitude, no one interviewed in the course of this series of articles felt indifferent to it.

Everyone has a statement to make.

It appears from many talks I have had with people on churches in the past years that reactions to the church's work, its potential, its influence, its power, its directives, are either yes or no, but rarely if ever, lukewarm.

Staple

Are people regularly discussing the church on the street, in shops, at parties and on the bus, as often is the case in many European countries?

On the outside, it does not seem that way. I feel Canadians on the whole are accepting the church as a staple of daily life.

An upsurge in interest only registers when something happens.

One example may be significant for many others:

When the Salvation Army recently undertook to feed and provide blankets for 45 Sons

of Freedom Doukhobors during their 29-hour damp vigil on the steps of the legislative buildings, the public took a definite stand.

Just Too Much

Literally hundreds of phone calls were recorded by the Salvation Army when it became known that public funds would be used to reimburse the army's expenses in feeding the Doukhobites.

This was just too much to take, was the overwhelming consensus of the public. It is wrong that tax money should be squandered on a fanatic sect, all callers said with the exception of two.

But the real target was not the Salvation Army. Most people seem to hold it in high regard because they help people in need without discrimination.

Yet they were willing to go back on this general attitude when the Salvation Army helped a group of people which in the past 60 years has kept B.C. on tenterhooks.

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Sweden Records Nuclear Blasts

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—Two strong nuclear blasts were registered Monday from the Soviet test area, the Swedish Institute of Uppsala University reported. A third test also may have been set off.

The strength of the first was set at eight megatons—or the equivalent of 8,000,000 tons of TNT. The second measured 19 megatons. Both took place in the Novaya Zemlya area in the Arctic.



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to the Editor

To be considered for publication in whole or in part letters must be on subjects of general interest, not more than 200 words in length, and if signed with a pen name must be accompanied by the writer's name and address.

Strathcona Park will never be logged so long as men live and breathe on this island. Men, that is, who care about clean air and great trees and old moss and quiet silence.

Yes there is a shortage of Douglas fir and Mr. Alex Hendry of Victoria Plywoods sure put his foot in his mouth when he said—"We are heavily overcutting our present stands." This is why they want to log Strathcona Park. I can think of no more ridiculous reason for allowing the logging companies to destroy the last great stand of timber we, the people, own on Vancouver Island. The logging companies alone are responsible for shortage of timber. That they should now be rescued

from their predicament by taking our park is a fantastic egotism.

The image of a benevolent self-supporting sustained-yield logging industry has become very tarnished in my eyes the past few years. Hunters, fishermen, campers, tourists and those natives who want to see a little of the beauty left on Vancouver Island before it is gone forever are denied that right by gates on every logging road.

DON CARLSON,
330A 11th Avenue North,
Port Alberni.

A Wailing Wall

From a point immediately in front of the main entrance on Blanshard Street Victoria's \$2,000,000 courthouse appears to be at least a symmetrical building. From any other point of view the top story just moves toward whatever side of the lower story is nearest the one find such an unique freak on find such an unique freak of architecture? Many and loud have been the outcries against the desecration of Greater Victoria's loveliest building site by a structure that looks more like a surface cistern for catching rainwater in desert land than a place for modern Canadians to live and work and have their being.

Since nothing seems to have been suggested so far toward improving the out-

ward appearance of this blot on the landscape why not a suggestion or two. Use the present building for a base, make a pyramid out of it with plywood and aluminum or put a low pitch roof of timber with a gable facing Blanshard Street. If nothing can be done to improve the appearance of the structure why not cater to the tourist trade by converting the long basement wall on Courtney into a wailing wall. Space might be rented by the tourist bureau to different disappointed groups of B.C. citizens to wear sackcloth and ashes and wall at will. Suggested prospects: amalgamationists, political parties who lost out in the Point Grey election, and taxpayers.

WALDRON GREENE,
Ritz Hotel.

Inconsistent Laws

A report in your paper lists amounts spent in betting at various race meets across Canada during the past horse racing season.

This expenditure totals approximately \$144,000,000 and is indicative, in a big way, of the inconsistency of the gambling laws of this country.

Recently I was threatened with loss of postal privileges because I had the temerity to gamble a lovely shilling on an OC soccer pool.

This type of discrimina-

tion simply does not make sense.

The sooner we have legislation allowing controlled sweepstakes and other modified games of chance the sooner the questionable and phony games can be erased.

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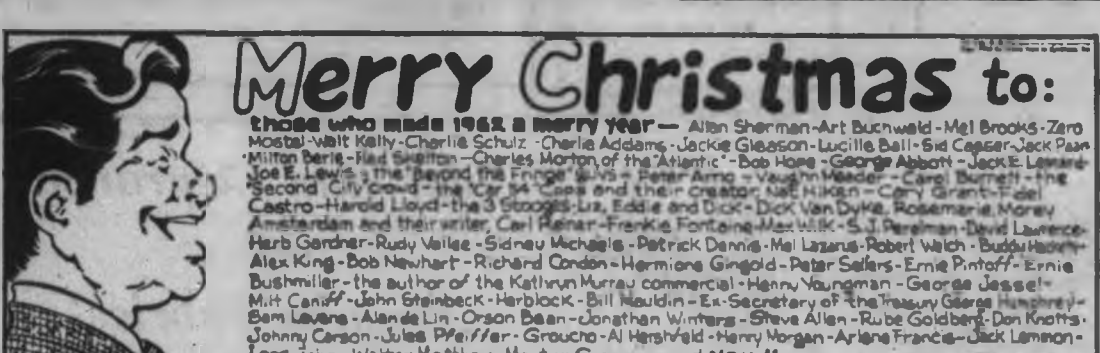
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Garden Notes

Christmas Flowers

By M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS
Down through the years, plants and flowers have played an important role in the legends of Christmas, not only among our English-speaking peoples, but in all races and lands where the festival of Christmas is celebrated.

From Central America in that area, where Guatemala, British Honduras and Mexico touch borders, this story is told of the Poinsettia, known there as "The Flower of the Blessed Night."

Outside the door of the great Merida cathedral in Yucatan, a ragged, barefoot child stood weeping on Christmas Eve as she watched the jubilant throng bearing gifts to be placed at the altar of the Virgin Mother and Child.

With a choked sob, she knelt and prayed that she might be shown a way to purchase a Christmas gift for the Blessed Mother and Babe, and as she prayed, a soft voice whispered to her: "Give what thou hast. In the giving, it shall be made beautiful."

Wiping away her tears, little Maria looked at her empty hands, then looked about her for something which might conceivably become beautiful. There was nothing but tall, coarse weeds. She broke an armful of these and timidly entered the great doors of the cathedral.

Unmindful of the throng's glances

of disapproval, amusement and pity, the ragged child made her way to the foot of the great altar, and here she placed her offering among the gifts of the wealthy.

Kneeling, she prayed earnestly, then lo! when she arose, each weed was tipped with a star-shaped, flaming flower. The great throng beheld the miracle and knelt in reverence, and ever since that Christmas Eve, Maria's flower has been known as "Flor de la Noche Buena"—the Flower of the Blessed Night.

In old Alsace-Lorraine, a tale is told concerning the Christmas rose: At Bethlehem there had been a miracle. When the kings and the wise men came to pay homage, the villagers of the little town crowded around, wondering at the fine raiment of the strangers. Seeing the gifts they carried—gold and frankincense and myrrh—many followed their example and brought their own offerings of treasured household articles. Shepherds came from the hills carrying a fine fleece of wool for the Babe.

Madelon, a poor girl of the village, had nothing to give. She stood apart, downcast, sadly watching the other villagers proffer their gifts.

The Angel Gabriel saw her, and knowing of her poverty, beckoned her to follow him out into the snow.

Stooping, the Angel used the hem of his ivory robe to brush aside the snow, and lo! all around him sprang up the white flowers of the Christmas rose!

None of the gifts of the Eastern kings were fitter offerings for the Christ Child than these chaste flowers. And since that time, humble folk of many lands have gathered the leaves of the Christmas rose to keep in rooms and stables and byres to purify and hallow the common, workaday duties of mankind.

In the villages of the Bernese Alps, this story is told of the cradle grasses, which were blessed and hallowed through the miracle of the Nativity.

In the fields about Bethlehem there was a humble weed known then as goose grass, and some of this was in the sweet herbage that composed the lowly bed of the Christ Child.

Where the head of the Babe rested on its withered blades, they revived and burst into flower, the white petals turning to gold and forming a halo about His head.

Since that time the humble goose grass has been called Our Lady's Red-straw, and its flowers have been touched with pale yellow suffusing the clear white petals.

A Very Merry Christmas to you all!

ART BUCHWALD Discovers New Form of Travel

A Train? What's a Train?

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Fellow came in the office the other day and said, "How would you like to take a new type train to Miami, Florida?" "What's a train?" we asked him.

"Well, it looks like a series of buses hooked up together and the wheels placed on these steel rails and it's pulled along by an engine."

"That's the silliest thing I've heard," we said. "Is it safe?"

"Some people," he said, "think it's safer than flying. You may not believe this, but trains were invented before planes."

"Now you're pulling my leg," we said angrily. "Why don't people use them if they're that good?"

"People used to use them, but planes are so much faster. At the same time you see things on a train and you can

sleep and relax and play cards and walk around."

"We think trains are coming back and so we've put on this special train with stewardesses and motion pictures and bingo and community singing and fashion shows and this way we think people will enjoy taking the train."

"We in the railroad business believe that if God wanted people to fly he would have given them wings."

Well, we had nothing to do and we were curious to see what a train looked like, so we took the trip to Miami. It certainly looked strange at first, but once we were assured the train couldn't go off the rails

we relaxed and started to enjoy ourselves.

We were given a compartment all to ourselves, which isn't too much fun if you don't like being alone, so we went forward to the club car where we met the stewardess, a very attractive young lady.

"Would you like to play bingo?" the stewardess asked. "I didn't come here to see Hamlet, we told her, and then after we both laughed, she gave us a card."

We played bingo for about an hour, and each time someone won he received a bottle of scotch. The stewardess asked who would like to sing, and we all raised our hands, so

everyone was given a song sheet.

We started singing Dixie, Old Black Joe, Oh, Susanna, and Deep in the Heart of Texas. The whole club car put Mitch Miller to shame.

About an hour and a half later they showed us some movies of Florida, and then they let us go eat. After dinner we had free time, but none of us knew what to do with it, so we started singing some more.

Then we all went off to bed and the next morning prepared to say goodbye to all the friends we had made on the train.

You don't get bingo and community singing on airplanes these days, and besides on a train there is no possible way of the stewardess getting up to the engineer's cockpit. This is a factor that someone traveling these days should not take lightly.

Stewardess, Bingo Film Show and Songs

SHEILAH GRAHAM Makes Educated Guess

Oscars: Peter, Kathy?

HOLLYWOOD (NANA)—This is a good day to make a prediction about who will win the Oscar for the best male and female performances of the year—Peter O'Toole and Katharine Hepburn. Mind you, these are not my actual No. 1 choices. I think Anthony Quinn ought to win for his fantastic Requiem for a Heavyweight, and Geraldine Page for Sweet Bird of Youth or Ann Bancroft for The Miracle Worker. But the Hepburn and O'Toole performances were very showy and I know my Hollywood.

Rex Harrison, a new man since he signed for the film version of My Fair Lady in London for the holidays with his wife Rachel Roberts and they are looking for a short movie to fill the time until he reports to Hollywood in June.

Don't be surprised if Jayne Mansfield makes up with Mickey Hargitay. The man she is supposed to be enamored of, Enrique Bonina, couldn't care less. And unless Jayne adds up the score correctly, it could soon be true of Mickey.

The most beautiful and expensive Christmas card I received came from Martha Hyer—a five-panel presentation in gold against maroon of Martin's The Annunciation—six inches by eight. Exquisite.

From Gregory Peck and wife Veronique, a beautiful reproduction of Botticelli's The Virgin and Child with angel.

And a beautiful know scene that I don't quite understand—the signature, I mean, from Pauli Page and Jack Easel. He must be her manager. At last count wasn't Pauli married to Charles O'Carroll?

And cards from Barbara Stanwyck, Dina Merrill, Loretta Young, George Gobel, Robert Taylor, Lew Ayres, the Jimmy Durantes, Carolyn Jones and her husband Aaron Spelling, and the Lloyd Nelsons, the Ronald Reagans, the Charlton Hestons... and so many more.

And, a final note of cheer—when Joan Crawford layned that 250-pound extra in her movie, The Caretakers, another extra wailed and commented, "Man that Pepsi-Cola must be powerful stuff!"

Burt Lancaster informs me that since the release of his Birdman of Alcatraz petitions with more than 100,000 signatures have been presented to the government asking for a pardon for Robert Stroud, the real-life bird-man.

How right Peter Ustinov was to let Billy Budd be hanged instead of the last-minute reprieve the English exhibitors wanted. The role and the hanging made a star of Terence Stamp.

Old Theme Makes Brilliant New Novel

By RUDOLF FLEISCH

There's a first-rate new novel around that's apt to get lost in the shuffle—which would be too bad. It's called No Empty Hands and was written by an English writer Peter de Polnay (Bobbs-Merrill). No Empty Hands is about one of the great themes of literature—the conflict between worldly success and the true meaning of life. It's the theme of the great medieval play Everyman as well as thousands of novels and plays that have been written since.

One that happens to come to my mind is the comedy, The Breadwinner by Somerset Maugham, which shows a well-to-do banker who suddenly walks out on his family to go to the South of France and spend the rest of his life painting.

rept for the fact that his wealthy businessman is a Roman Catholic, separated from his wife, who hankers for the monastic life.

He's a top executive of a large farm equipment firm, a financial genius, the father of a son and a daughter and lover and future husband of a charming woman who adores him. He's handsome, too, and lives in great style, with a town house, a butler, sumptuous dinners at the finest clubs and so on.

Anyway, the man suffers from a deep metaphysical malady and the suspense of the novel derives solely from the question whether he'll go through with his plans and change his whole life.

De Polnay, who is a superb novelist, tells the whole story through the eyes of the rich

man's son-in-law, a middle-aged bohemian and writer of sorts,

who's perfectly happy to live on his wife's money as long as he has sufficient drinks every day to sustain himself. He becomes familiar with his father-in-law (who is actually 48 and two years younger than his son-in-law) when he goes to his house one

day to borrow a small sum of money.

The rich father-in-law is astonished by the smallness of the proposed loan but instead of being contemptuous he shows clear signs of envy. Ah, to be as poor and innocent as this happy, useless creature!

A friendship of a sort develops between the two men and the penniless writer watches with growing misgivings the rich man who suffers from the inexplicable urge to save his soul.

Well, that's all I should tell you about the plot of this fine novel. Read it! It's not only thoroughly amusing but also guaranteed to make you think. Is it worthwhile to be successful? Is it necessarily neurotic to want to live in a monastery? De Polnay doesn't pretend to know the answers to these questions, but he certainly has found a new way of asking them.

Answer to Sunday's Crypt-A-Crossword

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For These Four, Christmas Just Another Day

Stand-in for the 80 B.C. Hydro has driven working Christmas Day in senior driver Walter Logan of 1475 Edgewood Road, now in his 14th year with the company.

Tom Peller of 1838 Mt. Newton (Cranford, control centre operator at B.C. Hydro's Hersey substation, joins thousands of Greater Victoria citizens on job as usual Christmas Day.

Although Constable Ed Hardy of 1155 Palmer will be one of Victoria's police working Christmas Day, he's on a 24-hour shift, in time for Christmas dinner with wife, son and daughter.

Nurse Mrs. Erika O'Hanley is spending part of Christmas Day on duty in children's ward at St. Joseph's Hospital. — (W. A. Boucher.)

King Fisherman Trip

Winners' Wish Now Realized

One of the best Christmas presents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lohbrunner could expect to receive is the news that their Colonial King Fisherman trip to Japan will feature three days in Kyoto garden city of Japan.

Ethel Lohbrunner won the Japan trip as top hidden weight prize in the King Fisherman contest, with an \$10 pound coho from Island View Beach.

Along with her husband, she is now scheduled to take Canadian Pacific Airlines Flight 401 from Vancouver to Tokyo on March 27, and once there they will be guests of the New Orient Express Co.

As landscape gardeners their chief wish was to visit Kyoto and its magnificent gardens, developed in the 14th century and surrounding the Kinkakuji (Gold Pavilion) Temple, which nestles in a thick forest at the foot of a steep hill overlooking a placid lake.

Japan's classic city and cradle of Japanese culture, Kyoto is one of the principal destinations on the tour arranged for the Lohbrunners.

They will fly in the Orient aboard a CPA Super DC-8 jetliner, and after a one-day stay in Tokyo will head for Kyoto aboard one of the crack express trains operated by the Japanese National Railways. Just 220 miles west of Tokyo, Kyoto was the premier city of Japan for more than 10 centuries and relinquished that honor to Tokyo in 1868 after the visit of Admiral Perry and his Black Fleet.

That was the turning point in Japan's history and marked

the end of feudalism and the isolationism which had prevailed for more than 300 years.

DAILY TOURS
During their three-day stay in Kyoto home to the Lohbrunners will be the International Hotel, a sparkling new edifice immediately adjacent to Nijo Castle.

They will be taken on tours every day... gardens, shrines, temples, palaces and places of historical interest.

They will drive to Nara, 30 miles south of Kyoto. Nara is famous for its 1,350-acre park, where large herds of sacred deer roam at will and are protected and cared for by the priests of the many temples in the park.

FAMOUS STATUE
Nara is also the site of the Todaiji Temple, which houses the famous Daibutsu, the largest statue of Buddha in the world. It was cast in 749 A.D. and is 53 feet five inches high and weighs nearly 500 tons.

Although sightseeing will occupy a good portion of the Lohbrunners' time, they will have plenty of time to go out on their own and wander around the quaint old streets of the beautiful city.

They will find many modern stores selling a wide variety of goods, as Kyoto is well known as a Mecca for overseas shoppers.

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Tiny Baby Born Drunk To Alcoholic Mother

TORONTO (CP) — A baby quired so much liquor from the mother that the whole nursery smelled of alcohol when the incubator was opened.

The child now is living with foster parents and shows no sign of harm.

The mother was in an "alcoholic stupor" when admitted to Whitehorse Hospital in June, 1961, the Journal says.

Doctors said the four-pound 15-ounce baby's breath, smelled of alcohol and for the first 24 hours the infant showed "jerky" movements, jumpiness and symptoms of delirium tremens.

The article says the baby ac-

Korean Clash

SEOUL (AP)—A South Korean naval patrol boat and a North Korean vessel clashed in a gun battle Sunday in which two South Korean sailors were killed and four others wounded, the South Korean government announced Monday.

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ROD LAVER
... still on team

Laver's Salary Second Issue

Pro Plans Rile Aussies

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—A ruckus was raised Monday over Rod Laver's right to play Davis Cup tennis in view of the flagrant flaunting of his professional plans, but indications were that there would be no official action.

The Mexicans said they planned no protest and officials of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia, who would deal with such matters, shrugged their shoulders and looked the other way.

So despite howls of "farce" and "flagrant professionalism" the Australian left-hander, who scored the second grand slam in history this year, will be in the line-up for the Australians when they go against Mexico in the Davis Cup challenge round Wednesday.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph says a professional program listing Laver already had been printed for the projected tour with Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall starting in Sydney Jan. 5.

But Dallas Won in Overtime

Abner Didn't Understand

HOUSTON—Dallas Texans rule today as champions of the American Football League, and it's a lucky thing for half-back Abner Haynes that they do. Otherwise he might have been ridden out of Dallas on a rail.

Haynes scored two touchdowns as Dallas beat defending-champion Houston Oilers, 20-17, before 37,981 fans on a field goal by Tom Brooker after two minutes, 54 seconds of the second overtime period. But Haynes also pulled the goof of the day.

Also the controversy was stoked when Ken Rosewall, visiting Brisbane Sunday, disclosed detailed financial arrangements for the tour. He said he and the other pros were taking a cut down the line to meet Laver's contract.

The Sydney Morning Herald's tennis writer Alan Clark says the incident was a "farce for amateur tennis" and added he would be surprised if the LTAA took any action.

Cyclist Killed

DURBAN, South Africa (AP)—Gary Hocking of Rhodesia, former world motor-cycling champion, was killed when his car went off the track in Friday's practice session for the Durban Grand Prix Saturday.

This is to enable Laver to get 25 per cent of the gate plus five per cent extra when he wins a match. According to Rosewall this gets his 49,000 Australian pounds (\$107,800) a year.

Hockey Day

Three hockey games are scheduled on Boxing Day in Victoria.

At Esquimalt Sports Centre, Esquimalt Bruins meet New Westminster Royals, leaders of the Pacific Coast Junior "A" Hockey League. Game time is 2 p.m.

Dormans play Kings at 8:15 and Northwesterns take on Duncans at 9:30 in IAA Commercial League play at the Memorial Arena.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tide Goes Out For Team Trial

First preliminary step to selection of Victoria Rugby Union's McKechnie Cup team will be taken tomorrow with a trial match between Crimston Tide and the Mackenzie XV.

Both teams will be made up of players trying for a spot on the city rep team, which opens the McKechnie Cup series Jan. 26 against Vancouver.

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Canadians	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
VICTORIA	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Victoria North Shore	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Columbus	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Pilsener	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Royal City	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
North Shore	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

Victory consolidated the Italians' grasp on fourth place and moved them within seven points of league-leading Vancouver Canadians. Tony Cantia, Fred Bundschuck and Roy Nosella scored for Columbus. Bob Hatfield notched the lone Pilsener tally.

Unbeaten Clubs Lead At Esquimalt

Stockers and Totems are setting a mean pace in the Esquimalt Minor Hockey Association.

Stockers lead the pee wee division with a 9-0 record, and Totems have won seven straight in the "B" class of the pee wee pup division.

Complete standings:

NIGHTS

	GP	W	L	T	GP	GA	Pts
Seagulls	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
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SANTAMS

	GP	W	L	T	GP	GA	Pts
Legion, Jr. 122	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
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Taylor House	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Nelson, Cliffe	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Cape Breton	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

PEE WEE PUPS

"A" Division

	GP	W	L	T	GP	GA	Pts
Darts	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Rockets	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Waldosta	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

"B" Division

	GP	W	L	T	GP	GA	Pts
Totems	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Seagulls	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Paloma	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Waldosta	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

"C" Division

	GP	W	L	T	GP	GA	Pts
Joe	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Panthers	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Corvettes	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Bonkers	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

Ernie Banks For Council

CHICAGO (AP)—Cub owner Phil Wrigley has given first baseman Ernie Banks the green light to run for the post of Chicago alderman.

An 11-man battle royal in which a wrestler has to be thrown over the top rope to be eliminated will feature Saturday night's professional wrestling card at Memorial Arena.

Last man left in the ring wins.

Taking part will be Kinji Shibuya, Mr. X, Seymour Koenig, Sandor Kovacs, Roy McClarty, Gene Kinski, Hercules Cortez, Clyde Steves, Eric Froelich, Wild Bill Wright and Mike Valent.

Five other bouts precede the battle royal, the first starting at 8:15.

THE PALMER METHOD
by Arnold Palmer

COCKING THE RIGHT WRIST HELPS CONSERVE SWING POWER

Conserving power built up in your body and arms during the backswing is plenty important. One way to conserve this power is to see that your right wrist is cocked at the top of the backswing (see illustration #1).

By keeping my wrist cocked throughout the downswing (until the natural uncocking just before impact), I guard against premature wasting of power.

It isn't a bad idea to keep your right wrist cocked even past impact.

This can't be done, of course, since the wrists must release upon ball contact. But if you think about keeping that wrist cocked, you'll be more apt to use your hand properly.

In illustration #3, I'm about to hit the ball — and you can see that my right wrist is still cocked, or curved, as it should be.

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From Harry Young:

Happy Christmas To Businessmen On and Off Links

By HARRY YOUNG
Colonist Business Editor

This is going to be a very short column today because most of the stock markets are closed and most businessmen are thinking more about enjoying themselves than worrying about the bills they are going to have to face in the near future.

It was written to wish everyone a happy Christmas, and also to add one or two thoughts of a Christmas nature.

First of all, this Christmas morning, I want to congratulate two old friends, Ernie Todd and Arthur Musgrave, for being elected life members of the Victoria Golf Club, an honor they both well deserve having been

Thanks to All

Personal thanks to all those who have sent me Christmas greetings in many forms.

Including — Nanaimo's real estate ace Frank Ney; former Victorian Gordon Verley, now in Vancouver; former newsman Lloyd Turner; investment men Harry Mearns, Archie Pidgeon, Bert Kennedy, Peter Bell and Edin Ruthven; bankers Bert Walters, Munro Brown, Ernie Brown and Eric Hall from Victoria, and Dal Hawkshaw who is now in more plush but less green fields in Montreal.

Also to Bill Mearns, one of the many power men the pro-

And Wishes Too

To newsprint men who are also fishermen, curlers, etc.; Jim McKeachie, Lysal Dagg and Hal Holden and their wives; Jock Lunde and Bill Ryan; to local utilities people Austin Goward and Dorothy Tupper; to my Man Friday Tom Peterson; to life insurance man John Morrow, and that expert of the B.C. Treasury, Gerry Bryson.

Further congratulations to John Reed whose firm presented him with an elegant timepiece in recognition of work well done. Also to the

Star Weekly for giving a wonderful boost to our annual Christmas Tree tournament.

And thanks, too, in advance to weatherman Bill Mackie if he can keep the winter weather away until after we get our big golf day at Colwood out of the way Wednesday.

And last but not least to my friend Howard Mackay of the Hudson's Bay and his maid of all work Irene Warren for their co-operation in making the Christmas Tree tournament the most popular golf event of the year.

See you at Colwood!

Fall Months Stagnate In Industrial Output

OTTAWA (CP) — A mid-autumn levelling-off in Canada's industrial output was shown Monday in a Dominion Bureau of Statistics report recording virtually no growth in the September-October period. It said the index of industrial

production, adjusted to discount seasonal factors, increased one-tenth of a point to 189.3 in October from 189.2 in September. The index had made no gain at all in September.

The October index—based on

Third Quarter

Grain Export Down From Year Earlier

OTTAWA (CP) — Exports of oats, barley, flax and rye from Aug. 1 to Oct. 30 totalled 8,300,000 bushels, a sharp decline from a year earlier or from the 10-year average.

Lunch Burgled

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UPI) — Burglars broke into a safe yesterday at the Driskill Lumber Co. but all they got was an apple pie. Guy Stewart, supervisor of the yard, put the pie in the safe the night before intending to eat it with his lunch the next day.

NATIONAL LIBRARY

The United States Library of Congress has nearly 300,000 volumes added to it each year.

November Decline

Housing Starts Up For Year's Total

OTTAWA (CP) — Housing starts in areas of 5,000 population or more declined in November compared with a year earlier but the 11-month total for 1962 was higher.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures yesterday showed November starts in residential

housing totalled 9,515 or 4.7 per cent fewer over a year. Up to Nov. 30, the total for the year was 89,628 starts or 4.3 per cent higher than in 1961.

SHARPLY HIGHER

Completions in November totalled 10,403, sharply higher by 23.3 per cent. The January-November total of 85,401 completions was 12.2 per cent higher.

As for units in various stages of construction at Nov. 30, the total was 57,193 or an increase over a year of 6.8 per cent.

Egg Market

At various times during the week, prices of eggs in the market were as follows:

New Fawn Is Born

By JOHN BENNETT

The doe stood hesitantly at the doorway to the broken-down barn, the scent of man strong in her flared nostrils. Then, her fears overcome by an urgent need for shelter, she stepped daintily inside, gaining confidence with each step. It was warm in the old barn, out of the biting air of Canada's winter and when she sank exhausted to her knees, she felt a thick bed of musty straw beneath her panting chest and soft along her swollen flanks.

With a shudder she lay her head down, closed her eyes, and felt her baby move within her.

Outside, the relic of a bitter day was passing and grey veils stole across the deep snow-covered fields. The forest close by gathered darkness into the secret places.

Hidden from the old barn behind a clump of trees, lights winked in the windows of the big Currell Farmhouse as Jean Currell called her husband Joe and their small son Little Joe to supper.

On Short Rations

"Come on you two," she said, "you're both on short rations tonight. We have to leave plenty of room for that big turkey tomorrow."

There was laughter. A little later Joe Currell refused a third slice of apple pie and another cup of coffee.

"I'd better go and see the stock's okay," he said. "They've been uneasy ever since we heard those wolves last night."

A frown crossed Jean's pretty face. "I don't like it," she said. "We've never had them so far south before; it worries me."

'Don't Worry'

"Nothing to worry about," laughed her husband, "they won't come in here after you or Little Joe, nor after the cattle. They're too smart for that. By the sounds, they were after the deer in that harbor place they use over by the swamp."

He headed for the door but tuning his heavy winter coat and reaching for an old woollen cap.

"Come on, Shep," he joked, "come and keep me safe from the wolves." But the collie had beaten him to it and stood there waiting with wagging tail.

Outside, the cold bit Joe's nose and he shrugged deep into his old warm coat. Shep danced



Doe and new-born fawn show Christmas miracle to Canadian farmer and his family.

around then headed out in a run, plowing up snow and plunging over drifts like a seal through waves of water.

Shep stopped as a strange wild scent wafted to his keen nose down the falling wind, and sniffing, he headed to this old barn just in time to block the frightened deer which was headed for safety. As Shep snarled, the deer shrank back against the far wall, heavy flanks heaving, watching the dog through great frightened eyes.

"What have you got in here?" asked Joe appearing at the entrance, playing his flashlight around the barn. "My gosh," he said softly, "if it isn't

a young doe. Come on, Shep, leave her alone."

And after he pulled the excited collie outside, he wedged the broken door back into place and headed for the cowshed.

"What was Shep barking at?" asked his wife, when he was back at the house.

"Not a wolf, I hope," said her husband mysteriously.

"Come on, get your coats on. I've got something to show you in the old barn. Pick up some feed on the way. We have a guest for Christmas and the least we can do is to be a bit hospitable."

A minute or so later Joe

pulled back the broken door and held his big gasoline lantern high. It showed the doe huddled in the dirty straw and beside her still damp from birth, a fawn.

"Well, look at that," Joe whispered in awe. "A winter fawn! No wonder she came down into the barn. Her fear of us was less than her fear of the wolves. She wouldn't have stood a chance if they had found her."

"Isn't it months premature?" asked Jean. "I thought they came about March, not Christmas time."

"You're right, Honey, they do generally come later," said Joe, "but I heard of them being born at this time."

A faint cheer carried across the snow-laden fields as the big lamp on top of the tree

flushed. From the old barn it looked as if a bright new star had arisen in the east. (Telegram News Service)

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Tall Tower Tale

See That Oil Derrick? Don't Rush, It's a Beam

By JUEGEN HESSE

What do you do if you see an oil derrick going up next door?

First, you check out your last payment on the mortgage and if you forgot to mail the

cheque, or if you are a tardy customer, run and mail it. Then you casually amble over to this neighbor of yours, mumbling: "How many barrels do you expect a day?"

The neighbor will give you a hard stare and won't talk because he thinks you might have an even bigger oil well beneath your carport.

ALL FICTION

Well, this is all fiction except for the derrick. Something that looks like an oil derrick was going up at 2542 Belmont the other day. It's really a tower for a 20-meter beam.

LAY LANGUAGE

For non-radio hams here it is in lay language.

George Bridges, at that address, has been an amateur radio ham for quite some time but his hobby was always hampered by bad reception unless weather conditions were tops.

TUNE IN JAPAN

On good days, he can tune in on Japan and tap out as many Sayonaras as he wishes, on other days he has trouble getting the beam—or whatever it is he is trying to get—from Vancouver.

So he bought himself lots of one-by-twos and two-by-twos, several sacks of cement and set to work on his tower.

MODEST ANTENNA

Normal television and radio consumers make do with a modest antenna, but Mr. Bridges didn't think a thin steel tube would do him any good.

For that 20-meter beam, he had to go up 42 feet. He poured a cement foundation—18 inches deep and six by five feet across, so the occasional high winds wouldn't blow his dream tower flat.

HE CLIMBED IT

Well, he's climbed the thing together with son-in-law Jack Miller, 3316 Harriet, and the derrick, read tower, hasn't toppled.

And Mr. Bridges is by no means a skinny one. There are no strings attached, either.

SELF-SUPPORTING

"The tower is self-supporting," he said.

Bonus Ends 11-Day Strike

MUFULIRA (AP)—An 11-day strike of 6,800 African workers at the Roan Antelope copper mine ended here Monday. The strikers returned in time to qualify for their Christmas bonus. It was the fifth wildest strike in Northern Rhodesia's copper belt this month.

Fascists Bombed

LONDON (AP) — A home-made bomb blew out two windows and damaged the rear porch of the Fascist National Socialist movement Sunday. Six persons were in the building when the bomb was thrust through the letter slot, but no one was hurt.

Fully Staffed

Phone Girls In Rush

While most Victorians are spending Christmas with their families, operators for B.C. Telephone Company will be hard at work on the biggest rush of business of the year. Full operating staffs will be called in on both Christmas and New Year's, said Glyn Jones, public relations officer for the company.

CLOSED UP TIGHT

Meanwhile, most other services are closed up tight for Christmas.

The post office is closed today and will open only between 8 a.m. and 12 noon Wednesday. It will also be closed New Year's day.

UNTIL THURSDAY

B.C. Hydro general offices will not be open until Thursday and will be closed Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The Victoria Public Library will reopen Thursday. It will also close from 5:30 p.m. next Monday and reopen Wednesday.

LONGEST HOLIDAY

The Greater Victoria Art Gallery will get the longest holiday in Victoria. It doesn't reopen until Jan. 2.

Tunisians Arrest 100 'Plotters'

TUNIS (AP) — Tunisian authorities have arrested about 100 persons accused of plotting against the rule of President Habib Bourguiba, police sources said Monday. Roundups were carried out in a dozen towns and villages of Northern Tunisia during the weekend.

Tunisian National Guard units set up roadblocks around the capital. Bourguiba was in the east Tunisian town of La Kef on one of his periodic tours of the countryside.

The arrests were described by members of the ruling Neo-Destour party. Police sources described those arrested as "plotters against the president of the state."

New York Markets

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EATON'S ... THURSDAY YEAR-END CLEARANCE

Personal Shopping Only — Please, No Telephone or Mail Orders



Foundations, Girdles, Bras

Make the Most of Your Figure ... Make the Most of Your Dollars

• Warner • Formfit • Nemo

EATON'S year-end clearance, plus special purchases, enables you to choose truly well-fitted foundation garments, designed to smooth and support your figure ... and at very low year-end savings!

Warner's "Lycra" Bras

Ordinarily \$5.99! Bandeau style bras ... 4.99
Special, each

"Little Godiva" Girdle

Ordinarily \$3.99. Pull-on style by Warner. Made of "Lycra." In small, medium and large sizes. 5.99
Special, each

"Little Godiva" Pantie Girdle

Ordinarily \$6.99. Pull-on style that truly "fits like your skin," and is almost as lightweight. Small, medium and large. 6.99
Special, each

"Little Godiva" Long-Leg

Ordinarily \$11.99! Smooth thigh control in "Lycra" for lightweight comfort. Small, medium, large. 8.99
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Special Purchase Special Values

Playtex "Living" Brassieres

Maldenform Bras

It's no dream, you save dollars on your Maldenform Bra at EATON'S year-end clearance! Cotton bandeau, sizes A, B, C, 32 to 38 collectively. Ordinarily 2.50! 1.00
Special, each

Peter Pan Bras

Regular bras and waist-whittling basques at year-end clearance prices!

Basques Ordinarily 7.00. Of fine broadcloth with dainty embroidered bust cups. Sizes A, B, C, 32 to 38. 4.99
Special, each

Strapless Bras Ordinarily 4.00. Nylon lace bandeaus in white or black. A, B and C fittings. 2.99
Special, each

Bandeau Bras Ordinarily 2.50. A and B fittings, sizes 32 to 38 in smooth cotton broadcloth. Black or white. 1.99
Special, each

Nemo Foundations

Noted for effective figure control ... and priced to control your budget, too!

Nemo "Sensation" The all-elastic pull-on girdle proportioned for "average" and "tall" figures. Medium and large sizes. Extra large size available in "tall" fitting. 3.99
Special, each

Hi-Waist Girdle Boned front, split hip with "Antron" front and side panels, leno and elastic back. Zipper closing. Sizes 27 to 34. 8.99
Special, each

Mature Figure Girdle Made of "Lycra" and nylon taffeta with boned front, to control the larger figure. Zipper closing. Sizes 27 to 34. 8.99
Special, each

Front Zip Corsetlette Cut in "short" and "average" lengths with boned front and zipper closing. Short, sizes 36 to 46. Average, sizes 36 to 45. 8.99
Special, each

FORMFIT

Girdles, Pantie Girdles, Basques and Bras in Two Price Groups!

Group I

Brassieres and Basques Ordinarily \$3.95 to \$13.00 Longline, strapless and some bandeau styles in nylon marquisette and lace, and in cotton broadcloth. Broken size range. 4.99
Special, each

Group II

"Shippies" Girdles and Panties Ordinarily \$3.95 to 7.95 Nylon elastic power net. Front and back panels provide added support and smooth lines. Sizes S, M, L and XL, collectively. 3.99
Special, each

Nurses' White "Terylene" Uniforms

Ordinarily 10.99 to 15.99

Just whisk them through the suds! They dry so quickly, and truly stay crisp without ironing. Several smart styles to choose from, in sizes 8 to 44. Just the thing for beauty shop operators, too! 8.99
Special, each

Treat Yourself to a Daytime Dress

Even treat yourself to several at this low price! Fresh, crisp styles for everyday wear that regularly sell from 6.95 to 8.95. Wide style and colour choice in a broken range of sizes. Special, each 3.99

Flannelette Ski Pyjamas

Clearance of these cosy pyjamas at a fraction of their regular price! Thickly napped flannelette, in warm winter tones of blue and red. Sizes medium and large. Treat yourself to at least two pairs! Special, pair 1.99

EATON'S—Lingerie and Foundations, Second Floor

Please, No Telephone or Mail Orders
Clearance of Candles 1/2 Price
Choose candles, not only for New Year's festivities but for special events throughout the year!
Special, each 17c to \$3.25
EATON'S—Candles, Main Floor

Speedy, Dependable Film Processing
Black-and-white films in before 10 a.m. are ready at 4:45 the same afternoon.
Developing, per roll 20c
135-mm. Black-and-white film, developed fine grain 20-exposure roll 25c
36-exposure roll 40c
Magna Prints, Each 9c
Bring in your Colour Film for Fast Service on Processing!
EATON'S—Camera Counter, Main Floor, Phone EV 2-7141

EATON'S for Service Not Just Today... But Every Day

No matter what you buy or when you buy it, every purchase you make at EATON'S is backed by the renowned

EATON Guarantee

"Goods Satisfactory or Money Refunded"

It's a Canadian tradition ... "Shopping at EATON'S" ... a tradition founded on confidence, for EATON'S values your confidence ... just as you value the EATON guarantee ... a guarantee that has protected Canadians for 92 years!

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Half-Price Clearance Trim-a-Home Shop

Limited Quantities
Please, No Telephone or Mail Orders
Save on Christmas decorations for next year's festivities ... and remember, they'll still be appropriate if you're planning special effects for that big New Year's Party!
From tree trimmings to Nativity scenes, everything is clearing at HALF PRICE in the Trim-a-Home Shop Thursday.
Regularly 10c to 5.00
Special 5c to 2.50
EATON'S—Trim-a-Home Shop, Broad Street

Gift Wraps-Cards-Clearing From Red Basket Shop



1/2 REGULAR • Cards • Wrappings • Notepaper
PRICE Easy to Buy—Easy to Store Away

Santa's gone ... but not forgotten. And he'll be back next year, so stock up now on cards, wrappings and "extras" and be ready when Christmas rolls around again next year. Save on these specials ... clearing Thursday at Half Price in the Red Basket Shop, Third Floor.
Personal Shopping Only — Please, No Telephone or Mail Orders

Christmas Gift Wrap

An exciting selection that includes luxurious foils and specialty papers, as well as complete wrapping ensembles with ribbons, bows and enclosure cards to match the paper.

Regularly 10c to 2.00

Special, 5c to 1.00

Christmas Cards

Christmas greetings can be expressed in so many ways ... and here you'll find a wide assortment from leading card manufacturers. Still-life and scenic cards, cards for children, religious, traditional and modern cards in the assortment.

Regularly 1.00 to 6.00

Special, box 50c to 3.00

Fancy Notepapers

Here's your chance to pick up charming gifts for occasions throughout the year ... all at these post-Christmas savings! An extensive collection by fine paper-makers ... just in time for Christmas "thank-you" notes, as well as gifts for later.

Regularly 1.25 to 4.00

Special, box 62c to 2.00

EATON'S—Red Basket Shop, Third Floor

EATON'S Open Thursday, Dec. 27, All Day, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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GREETINGS

*This is the happiest season of all the year It's a good time, a genial time,
a time to remember our friends and associates with particular warmth.*

*To our customers, our suppliers and our own loyal staff
we send our best wishes and our sincere appreciation of their support.*

A very Merry Christmas to all.

John D. Eaton
PRESIDENT

EATON'S OF CANADA



Victoria Flowers Bloom for Christmas

The rest of Canada shivers under winter's ice blasts at Christmas, but in balmy Victoria flowers bloom the year round. Even on Christmas Eve photographers were able to stroll along Belleville Street and photograph a variety of flowers in bloom, including

roses, fuchsias, daisies and pansies. Above, blooms of Japanese plum tree near legislative buildings caught attention of six-year-old Eddie Wakely, left, and his brother, Steven, 4, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wakely, 99 Tolmie.—(Bud Kinsman.)

Green Today But White Next Week?

A green Christmas but a possible white New Year is in the cards for Victoria, according to the weatherman.

Daffy Duffs

Blooming Holiday Trick!

By JACK FRY

Spring flowers from the Saanich Peninsula are wishing Merry Christmas to people all across Canada.

Saanich bulb and flower grower Geoffrey Vantreigh, who uses a special technique, has shipped 15,000 dozen daffodils, tulips and narcissus to markets all across Canada to Newfoundland and north to the Yukon.

He tricks the bulbs into "thinking" it is spring and producing flowers while it is still winter here.

SCIENTISTS CO-OPERATE

The technique was worked out over a period of years with the co-operation of scientists at the Saanichton experimental farm.

Mr. Vantreigh said he digs up the bulbs in July and rushes them artificially through the summer, fall and winter seasons, so they will produce flowers months ahead of time.

He heats them at 95 degrees for 10 to 15 days in temperature and humidity-controlled greenhouse rooms. He then gives them a 10-to-15-day fall at 60 degrees, followed by six weeks of winter at 44 degrees.

THINK IT'S SPRING

The artificial winter ends in October, when the bulbs are planted in soil in wooden containers called flats. The flats are placed outdoors, where the bulbs "think it is springtime" and put out roots rapidly.

Near the end of November, when it starts getting chilly outside, the flats are carried into the greenhouse and kept at 65 degrees.

The unsuspecting bulbs, convinced that spring is really here, start to throw out flowers. Mr. Vantreigh harvests the Christmas crop and ships it air freight.

Children's Party Set for Friday

The Lions Club of Victoria plans a boys' and girls' Christmas party Friday, Dec. 28, at noon at the Empress. The club has a winter meeting Jan. 8.



PAMELA RIPPON

Seen In Passing

Pamela Rippon weighing some chocolates. At 18, she manages a candy shop and lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rippon, 2118 Irma. Her hobby is knitting. . . . Claudia Cruise taking her cat for a walk. . . . Mrs. Ellen Black getting her first sight of the legislative buildings lighted up, although she has lived here since 1900. . . . Ida Leason recalling when she used to play grass hockey. . . . Her husband, Tom Leason, talking about the old days at Margaret Jenkins School. . . . Betty Ash picking a camellia bloom from her tree. . . . Lloyd and Sheila Smith describing their recent trip to New Zealand and saying they would like to go back. . . . Larry Dale wishing everybody a Merry Christmas.

Martlet Head Heading East

Editor-in-chief Tony Elie of the Victoria University student newspaper, The Martlet, will attend the national conference of the Canadian University Press in Ottawa Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

Host to the conference this year is the student newspaper at Carleton University, Ottawa.

At the conference student editors discuss common problems, receive professional advice and have their newspapers rated with other university papers.

Next: Thursday Bargains

Christmas Eve Busiest As Throngs Jam Stores

Crowds jammed downtown Victoria department stores yesterday for last-minute Christmas shopping. . . . and when doors closed at 5:30 p.m. staff in some stores began feverishly marking down prices on Christmas items, as much as to half-price, for Thursday morning's opening.

Department store employees said they thought yesterday was the busiest Christmas Eve they had ever seen.

The supervisor of the Christmas items section of a department store said that yesterday was the busiest this season.

A supervisor in another store estimated the busiest shopping days as last Saturday, last Friday and yes-

terday in that order. But he said yesterday's was an unprecedented rush for Christmas Eve.

The rush might have been due to civil servants having the day off, he said.

Downtown stores and sidewalks were jammed with last-minute shoppers at mid-afternoon. Rush-hour traffic crawled along downtown streets.

Shoppers filled liquor stores and there were sizable lineups on the streets outside both the Humboldt Street and Johnson Street stores all day.

But liquor store crowds were reported no bigger than anticipated, and no bigger than in other years.

Greeks, Swedes Mark Big Day Oceans from Home

By DON GAIN

A Greek and a Swedish ship at Ogden Point are doing their best to capture the spirit of Christmas even though they are a long way from home.

The Albert Thore, whose home port is Jonstorp, Sweden, served Christmas dinner to her officers and men last night.

According to first cook Leif Monquist, 23, of Helsingborg, and saloon boy Leif Ek, 18, of Karlshamn, there was no shortage of food.

MEATBALLS, GINGER CAKE After a smorgasbord of pickled herring, herring salad and other delicacies, they served fish and rice, Swedish meatballs, lutefisk, sausage, ham, brown cabbage, coffee and ginger cake.

And, of course, aquavit. But no turkey.

"Not for Christmas," said Leif Ek, whose last name means "oak".

Today is a holiday for the men and, because there is no special program on board, they are free to accept invitations from Victorians who might like to have an extra guest for Christmas dinner.

The Greek Christmas dinner is not too different from a Canadian one, first mate Ioannis Andreou of the Ocean Belgeur said yesterday.

The 34-year-old mate from the island of Andros said the 33 officers and men of his ship would eat turkey today. They will have Christmas bread and special cakes.

He explained that the big day for the seamen is Dec. 6, St. Nicholas' Day, for he is their patron saint.

"On that day we have a special cake with a coin in it. The one who gets the coin is given a prize. I found the coin in my piece of cake last year and the captain gave me \$15," Ioannis said with a smile.

Jail Menu Traditional

If you are unfortunate enough to spend Christmas Day in the Victoria jail, it may not be as bad as you might expect—at least you'll have Christmas dinner.

"They got a turkey dinner," Victoria police chief John Blackstock told the Colonist yesterday.

"With all the trimmings?" the reporter asked.

"Well," said deputy chief Harry Mercer, "there will be no wine or liquors."

Sally Ann Works Late

The Salvation Army worked late into last night distributing food hampers to the last needy families missed by numerous other agencies in Greater Victoria.

"We've been receiving calls right up to the last minute, and we've been filling them," said Maj. Ronald Frewing.

The family and children's service also assisted one needy family which asked for help yesterday.

The Communist Chest's Christmas Bureau closed up shop Saturday, after serving as clearing house for more than 1,800 persons and families.

Is Santa A Yank?

Santa Claus is an American to some children of the Gulf Islands.

Thirty-four members of the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce aboard the Pacific American Fisheries packet Karluck took gifts to children on Salt Spring, Mayne, Galiano and North Pender Islands during a two-day goodwill tour through the Gulf and San Juan Islands.

The Jaycoos put into Sidney overnight, where they were presented with a large holly wreath by Chamber of Commerce president Donovan Ruffie, and given a box of goodies by A. A. Cormack for the village commission, to be given to the orthopedic ward of the Bellingham Hospital.

Safecrackers

Bag for Robbers Nearly \$20,000

Safecrackers have made off with nearly \$20,000 from four robberies in the Greater Victoria area during the Christmas season.

Latest safecracking was Sunday night, when thieves made off with a 400-pound safe containing \$1,300 in cash and \$2,100 in cheques from Wellburn's Low Cost Market, 1058 Pandora.

BOUND CLOCK

City and Saanich police, detectives and the RCMP are working round the clock on investigations of all four unsolved cases, but to date have little to report.

Safecrackers got away with \$6,500 in cash Friday night, when they wrenched a 300-pound safe from its concrete base at A-Lo-Hi Market, 4142 Wilkinson.

Early this month, the safe of Humber Bros. Furniture Ltd., 531 Bastion, was burglarized, with the loss of \$363.

SAME WEEKEND

The same weekend, Colwood Pharmacy, 801 Goldstream, reported the theft of three days' receipts amounting to several thousand dollars when its safe was cracked.

The Wellburn robbery was carried out between noon and 9 p.m. Sunday. Mr. Wellburn had checked the store at noon and everything was in order. Tenants who lived over the store heard a car door close at 8:30 p.m. The robbery was discovered around 9.

The 400-pound safe, measuring three feet by 28 inches by 24 inches, had been carried out through a rear door. In the safe were the cash and cheques, all stamped "for deposit only."

The cracked safe was found early yesterday morning in the Moore-Whittington Lumber Co. Ltd. parking lot at Pleasant and John.

The safe from the A-Lo-Hi Market was found Saturday night by Saanich police in the bushes near Thetis Lake. The thieves had used a spray can of artificial snow, which they had stolen from the market, to print "Merry Christmas" on the lid of the safe. There was no sign of the \$6,500 in cash.

PIED FREE

The thieves had stolen the safe by prying it out of its concrete base and loading it on a rubber-tired freight dolly.

When Saanich detectives recovered the A-Lo-Hi Market safe, they also found in the bushes a clothing dummy which had been stolen from Reihman's clothing store at Town and Country Shopping Plaza Aug. 23, and a freight dolly, worth \$85, which had been stolen in the city earlier.

Meeting Thursday

Kiwanis clubs of Victoria North and Oak Bay will hold an interclub meeting in Oak Bay Beach Hotel at 6:15 p.m. Thursday.



Not a Very Good Joke

Merry Christmas sign in artificial snow, left on stolen safe found in Thetis Lake bushes didn't impress Saanich detective Robin Stewart as a very good joke. Thieves took \$6,500 in cash from safe. It was one of our safe crackings during the Christmas season in the Greater Victoria area in which nearly \$20,000 was stolen. This safe was taken at the weekend from A-Lo-Hi Market, 4142 Wilkinson. Thieves also filched artificial snow to make their greeting.—(Robin Clarke.)

'Should've Seen Smiles'

Chief Expresses Band's Gratitude

Chief Samuel Sam of the Tsartlip Indian band in West Saanich and Chief John Albany of the Songhees band in Esquimalt expressed gratitude last night for help given to needy families on the reserves this Christmas.

"God bless all the people who donated and the Colonist staff who worked so hard. You should have seen the smiles on their faces. It was wonderful," said Chief Sam.

"You just don't know how much it means to men who have been out of work for half-a-year when they find out their families now can have a Merry Christmas," he said.

"I cannot express my feelings enough. I want to thank everybody."

Chief Albany wanted to thank all the agencies which helped his people at Christmas, the Colonist 300 Fund, the Community Chest and the Indian Arts and Crafts welfare.

"With the help we got from these organizations, we will have a nice Christmas on the reserve. It is wonderful to know that we live in a city which helps the needy," said the chief.

"I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, on behalf of myself and the band."

STAFF NOTEBOOK

Beads of Knowledge Shaming Computers

By Ted Shackelford

RING IN THE OLD: With

calculators, computers and computers at their disposal, two provincial government statisticians are using simple adding machines of beads on wires. Howie Thornton and Harland Clark, B.S.C., are using an improved version of the abacus—a frame holding a number of wires with beads on each wire, similar to the abacus that some Chinatown stockkeepers use on lower Flanagan.

What they are using is a Japanese version of the abacus, called soroban, but they don't use it for all calculations. Harland uses his for addition and subtraction although it can multiply and divide as well. They use them for such work as predicting labor force changes and employment research calculations generally. Howie reminded us of the 1954 competition in Japan between an electronic computer and a soroban specialist when the soroban won hands down. He

tells us he'd like to see a study group formed in town, similar to groups in Japan. Inquiries should go to Mr. Harland at EV 1-2554.

The two men have even got a city stationery firm interested and a shipment of the ancient calculators arrived in town this week. They range in both size and price. Howie thinks they might catch on like mah-jongg caught on in the 1920s.

HAPPY ENDING: It's always pleasant to record an incident that proves some people follow the golden rule. So will the person who found Mrs. C. H. Whellams' purse in Eaton's the other day and turned it over to the lost and

found department give Mrs. Whellams a call at EV 4-4371? Mrs. W. would like to thank you.

UNHAPPY ENDING: Unfortunately, not all people follow the golden rule. Unhappy about a callous car driver in Mrs. Allan McMillan's 233 Cook, who was a passenger on the 5:15 p.m. bus from Swartz Bay the other night. An approaching car hit a dog, knocking it under the wheels of the bus and upsetting the driver, the passengers, the boy who owned the dog and the boy's mother. The car which hit the dog and killed it didn't stop. Mrs. McMillan reports.

MERRY CHRISTMAS: We racked our brains, trying to think of some cute or amusing or interesting way to say it and eventually decided the old way was best: "Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."



A happy family this Christmas morning is that of Lt.-Cmdr. and Mrs. Philip Cooke, Royal Roads, who are spending their first Christmas on this coast. They were transferred from Halifax in the spring. Holding baby Robert is Angela, David, four, Geoffrey, nine, and Christopher, 10, are eagerly looking forward to their turkey dinner, which will be eaten this evening.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Mr. David Hargrave and Miss Sara Spencer of Victoria have recently signed the register at British Columbia House, London.

In San Francisco for Christmas
Mr. Paschal O'Toole of the National Film Board is spending the holiday season with relatives in San Francisco.

Christmas Corages Presented
A miscellaneous shower was held recently in honor of Miss Delaina Sadler, at the home of Miss Marie McPherson, 308 Ridgeway Crescent. Co-hostesses were Miss Dorothy Whitten and Miss McPherson. Gifts were held in a decorated clothes basket. Guests present were fellow workers at the Motor-Vehicle Branch, Mrs. S. Morrey, Mrs. F. McNutt, Mrs. W. Kunalevich, Mrs. M. King, Miss M. Schebek and Miss Dorothy Whitten. Also attending were Mrs. G. Sadler, Mrs. J. Connor and the Misses Janet Sinclair, and Diane Hammond. The bride-elect and her mother were given Christmas corages in pink and gold.

Christmas Day 'At Home'
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Creighton will hold an "at home" in their home on Prospect Lake Road today.

Fiftieth Anniversary
GALIANO ISLAND, B.C.—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Page celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Dec. 18. They were married at the St. Mary Magdalene Church, Mayne Island, by Canon Paddon assisted by Mr. Polly. Her attendants were Mrs. John Page (now) and Mrs. Richard Hall (now). They have lived ever since then at Galiano Island, where they are loved and respected by all in the community. They had five children, four of whom now live in and near Nanaimo. Ronald, Kenneth and Dorothy live at Nanaimo, Leslie at Gabriola Island, John died in 1957. They have eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. This auspicious occasion was celebrated with a family gathering in Nanaimo.

SUNLESS WINTER
Inhabitants of the north Italian village of Traftume, situated at the bottom of a canyon-like valley, see no sun from November to March.



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'Merry Christmas' 15 Months Old

NORTH POLE, Alaska (AP)—Merry Christmas is handing Santa's mail at Santa Claus' House this year.
She is Merry Christmas Miller, 15-month-old daughter of the mayor of this community of 600, 14 miles from Fairbanks.
A homesteader, Ben Davies, found it so cold he called his place North Pole. The name stuck.
In 1953, Con Miller and his family built a store called Santa Claus House, a combination post office, general store and home for the Millers.
In December, North Pole handles sleighs of mail. There was so much this year that even little Merry Christmas was brought in to help.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Traditions of "Merry England" will be brought to life for guests at Olde England Inn when they gather this evening, "Wenchies," dressed in 17th century costumes and scullions will accompany a gaily attired major domo as they form a procession with the decorated board's head, bay and rosemary.
Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Curtis, Seattle, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bush, Portland, Ore.; Dr. and Mrs. G. Lathrop and family, Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. T. Hoffman and daughter, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cornell, St. Maries, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. H. Beard, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pratt, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, San Francisco.
Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hardy, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. E. Palmer, Federal Way, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. MacIntyre, Vancouver; Miss Mary Springer and party; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Mos; Mr. and Mrs. W. Maddock and party; Mr. and Mrs. J. Omerod and family; Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Riseley and party; Mr. and Mrs. W. Guttenneason and Mrs. M. Snape, Mrs. W. R. Thompson and party; Mr. and Mrs. George MacLean and their party.
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ness and party; Mr. M. Lancelley and party; Miss A. Barnett, Mrs. M. Perry and party; Mr. and Mrs. J. Seale and party; Mr. and Mrs. F. Diurnal; Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearce; Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Cowley; Mr. and Mrs. J. Etherington; Mr. and Mrs. A. Lampkin; Mr. and Mrs. W. Arthur and party.
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ede and party; Mr. and Mrs. E. Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. Z. Rubelke; Mr. and Mrs. J. Altwood and party; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. A. Runt of Bremerton, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown and family; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Willis; Miss Primrose Wells and Miss St. John; Mr. and Mrs. J. Rourke and party.

Holiday Parties
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pearlman and their son, Paul, joined Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Melville and their two children, Janice and Derek, for a family dinner party recently at the Union Club. On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Pearlman will be hosts at their Uplands Road home in honor of their son and his friends. Pictures will be shown of the Pearlman's recent trip to the Orient. New Year's Eve old friends will gather for a supper party at their home.

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8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily
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Other firsts included the appointment of a woman coroner in Toronto and the election of an all-woman council on the Metagamí Indian reserve near Chapleau, Ont.

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Low Scrip Started Career

LETHBRIDGE (CP) — Solon E. Low, whose enforced acceptance of scrip as pay during his depression painted him toward the national leadership of the Social Credit party, died Saturday at Shelby, Mont.

The one-time Alberta farm boy left college bent on a scholastic career, but the birth of Social Credit and its 1935 sweep into power in Alberta sharply changed his life and shot him into political prominence. He led the party 16 years.

TO MEET SON

Mr Low, who would have been 43 Jan. 8, had gone to Shelby, 35 miles from the international border, to meet a son, Eric, returning home for Christmas.

He had been in ailing health several years. In November, 1955, he suffered a heart attack at Calgary, and Jan. 1, 1961, he officially stepped down as national Social Credit leader and resigned as a school teacher at nearby Raymond, because of deteriorating health.

WAS A JUDGE

He had been a juvenile and family court judge here and at Medicine Hat since his resignation from active politics.

Robert Thompson, who succeeded him as national Social Credit leader, described him as "one of the great Canadians of our day." John Blackmore, who preceded Mr. Low as national leader, credited him with helping Alberta refund more than \$400,000,000 in debts during seven years as provincial treasurer.

FRADED HIM

Premiers E. C. Manning of Alberta and W. A. C. Bennett of British Columbia, heads of Canada's two provincial Social Credit governments praised him for his "invaluable contribution" and his "great service" to Canada's public life.

Former prime minister Louis St. Laurent said that while Mr. Low "never was able to convince me of the value of Social Credit doctrine, I have always considered him as sincere in the representations he made before the House."

WROTE, MORROW

Liberal Leader Lester Pearson and T. C. Douglas, New Democratic Party leader, expressed shock and sorrow at Mr. Low's death.

Mr. Low's first interest in the monetary principles of Social Credit came during studies at the University of Southern California where he read the writings of C. H. Douglas, Scottish born exponent of Social Credit.

AN ACTIVE PART

He took an active part in its birth in Alberta after he and 17 other teachers at Raymond worked for scrip, which was issued instead of currency by desperate town authorities during the depression years.

A court injunction stopped the practice because it contravened federal currency laws, but to Mr. Low it was concrete evidence the theory of Social Credit was workable.

ELECTED MEMBER

He was elected as a Social Credit member for Warner when the party swept into power in 1935. Two years later as provincial treasurer he was given the task of putting his party's monetary theories into practice. Federal courts and the Privy Council disallowed much of the government's fiscal legislation.

WAS MINISTER

Mr. Low became education minister in Alberta in 1942, and in 1944 assumed the national leadership of the party. A year later he was elected to the Commons for Peace River and headed 12 Social Credit members.

At Ottawa, he continued to press his party's theory that debt-free money could solve the country's economic tangles.

Mr. Low held his seat in the Commons until the March 31, 1958, federal election, which swept the Conservatives to power and saw all Social Credit candidates defeated.

He returned to Raymond and re-entered teaching.

FAVORITE SPORT

A favorite sport was basketball, which he played as a youngster and continued to enjoy as an executive and manager in later years. In 1951 he managed a team of Mormon missionaries, the Mormon Elders, in the Ottawa district and led them as far as the national playoffs.

Traffic Fines

Equipment

Arthur John Seibel, 3238 Carey, careless driving, \$40.
Donald H. Newman, 1416 Chadwick, careless driving, \$40.
George Morris, 53 Hallowell, no driver's licence, \$25.
Donald Stewart Ryan, Work Point, no driver's licence, \$10.
Robert Alexander Simms, 1018 Pembroke, passed stop sign, \$15.
Gerald F. Lawlor, Work Point, driver's licence restriction, \$5.

CITY

Donald Paterson, 1943 Crescent, impaired driving, \$250, licence suspended.

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BIG GEORGE! By Virgil Partch



"No, Doc! I don't want a sucker 'foe bringin' brave!"

Donovan Makes Own Headlines

By FRANK MULLIVAN

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Most athletes would be as pleased as punch to bat four for five in a baseball game, figure in the bulk of his team's scoring in hockey or run for some sensational touchdowns in football.

But this sort of achievement presents a touchy problem to Bill Donovan, crack athlete and sports editor of the Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Until he retired from football last year Donovan, whose prematurely greying hair belies his 25 years, was the only New Brunswick athlete playing three senior sports. The others are baseball and hockey. He has excelled in all three.

His problem is how to write a newspaper story about top plays when he has been the star. What does he do?

"I play it down."

BATTING RECORD

An example of how he avoids blowing his own horn followed this year's provincial baseball roundup. Donovan, a left-handed batter of 185 pounds on a five-foot-eight frame, came up with a 530 batting average in New Brunswick Senior Baseball League statistics. This topped his previous mark of .468 in 1959—then believed a Maritime senior baseball record.

Donovan, who feels his first duty is to report accurate sports news, in his statistics story gave the laurels to the second and third place batters. He fulfilled his duty by saying they followed Bill Donovan.

Bill rose high in Maritime sports despite never having had the advantage of college athletics and coaching.

"I once had the opportunity to go to college under a partial hockey-football scholarship but I turned it down and I've been kicking my rump ever since."

WAS RINK RAT

He got his early start in sports the way so many promising youngsters do. He hung around ball parks, was a rink rat at hockey arenas and stick boy for senior hockey teams from 1949 to 1953.

Often it was difficult to find time for sports because Bill started work at the age of eight, delivering telegrams during the Second World War. He has been working ever since.

He joined The Telegraph-Journal as part time sports writer in 1954. At that time, working for an insurance firm, he was the youngest adjuster in Canada. He joined the regular sports staff in 1956 and became sports editor a year later.

Besides playing and writing sport, Bill is secretary of the New Brunswick Senior Baseball League and president of the Saint John County Juvenile Baseball League. He also can be seen coaching high school hockey teams.

Donovan's dark eyes have followed pucks in hockey rinks outside New Brunswick. He played one season in Newfoundland with the RCAF Unicorns, an air force team with some civilian players. He began his senior hockey with Saint John Beavers in 1955, the year the team played Chatham Maroons in the eastern Allan Cup playoffs.

Despite the sports he has played—"I've never broken a bone"—he doesn't recommend the same pattern for other athletes.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of WILLIAM ALBERT GURNEY

Deceased Intestate.

Notice to having given that creditors and other having claims against the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Victoria, B.C., on July 28th, 1962, are hereby requested to send them, properly verified by Statutory Declaration, in the undersigned, at 202 Royal Trust Building, Victoria, B.C., before the 28th day of January 1963, after which date the administrator will distribute the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

And all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to pay their indebtedness to said Administrator forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B.C. this 21st day of December, 1962.
JAN MAURICE HORNE,
Official Administrator for
County of Victoria.
By his solicitors,
Crease & Company.

NOTICE OF ORDER

Estate of WILLIAM ALBERT GURNEY

Deceased Intestate.

Administration of the Estate of William Albert Gurney deceased, who died intestate at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, on the 28th day of July 1962, was granted on the 28th day of December 1962, in the Victoria Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, to the Official Administrator for County of Victoria.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 65

(COWICHAN)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS marked "Tender for Beach School Addition" are invited by the Board of School Trustees for the construction of a one classroom addition to the Beach Elementary School. The completion date of this project is to be March 31, 1963. Working drawings, specifications, instructions to bidders and form of tender, may be obtained from the School Board Office, James Street, Duncan, on and after Wednesday, January 2, 1963, on payment of a deposit of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each set of working drawings and specifications which will be returned on receipt of said documents in good condition.

A certified cheque in the amount of 10 per cent of the contract price, or a bid bond in the amount of 15 per cent of the contract price, must accompany all tenders. A survey bond to bind the tenderer in the amount of 50 per cent of the contract price must be provided within ten days of a contract being accepted. This bond shall be approved by and acceptable to the owner and made out to School District No. 65 (Cowichan), as owner. If the tenderer defaults in executing the contract within 45 days following notification in writing of the award of the contract then said certified cheque will become the property of the Board of School Trustees, School District No. 65 (Cowichan). Tenders must be in the hands of the undersigned by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17th, 1963. The lowest or any tenders will not necessarily be accepted and the Board of School Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without explanation. No tender will be considered having any qualifying clauses whatsoever.

O. P. DYSON,
Secretary-Treasurer,
School District No. 65 (Cowichan),
Box 190, Duncan, B.C.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 63

(COWICHAN)

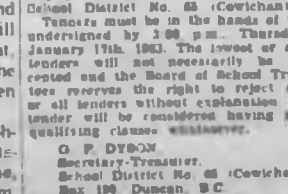
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS marked "Tender for Maple Bay School Addition" are invited by the board of school trustees for the construction of a two classroom addition to the Maple Bay Elementary School. The completion date of this project is to be April 30, 1963. Working drawings, specifications, instructions to bidders and form of tender may be obtained from the School Board Office, James Street, Duncan, on and after January 2nd, 1963, on payment of a deposit of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each set of working drawings and specifications which will be returned on receipt of said documents in good condition.

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Greetings



To wish you abundant joy, both at Christmas time and in the coming year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Our Management and Staff

• Wilf and John Lund

• Frank Davies,

• Stan Parker

• Adam Johnston

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Old Traditions Alive Here

By JURGEN KESSE

New Canadians have no desire to forget their Old Country Christmas customs and tend to blend them with the traditions they find here.

"Christmas in Canada for me is a dream that came true," said John Nicol, 640 Cook, an Australian who has lived here for 11 years.

YOU GET SNOW

"Here—well, not always in Victoria, but in the East where I lived before—here you get snow, something I have always envisioned while I was still in Australia."

His wife Heather took over, telling about "century heat" (100 degrees) at Christmas time in Melbourne.

WITH CANDLE

"A procession of up to 15,000 people, each with a candle, moves through the streets and out into Melbourne's botanical gardens on Christmas Eve, following school and church choirs, and all are singing carols on this warm summer evening."

"I miss this tradition a little," she admitted.

GOLDEN BEACH

"And I miss lying on the beautiful golden beach Christmas Day," husband John added.

Christmas dinner, the couple said, is eaten at noon when it is hottest. "Why this is, we don't really know," Mrs. Nicol said.

COLD TURKEY

"In the afternoon, everybody goes to the beach with cold turkey, ice cream and cold drinks. The rest of the tradition is pretty much the same in Australia as in Canada," she added.

"You know, this Christmas here is more sensible," she said as an afterthought. "You have a better appetite, it's colder."

FROM DENMARK

Ove Witt, 365 Arnold, came from Denmark 10 years ago and is married to a Canadian. "I dearly love our Old Country customs," he said. "But I have adapted myself to the Canadian Christmas traditions."

"This year, I did some baking—Danish cookies. Half of them are burned and I have to eat them all by myself."

CONVERT CANADIANS

"In some ways I would like to convert Canadians to the Danish Christmas customs. On Christmas Eve in Denmark, we all join hands, dance around the tree and sing carols, first the serious ones, later they become gayer and gayer," Mr. Witt said.

"I will introduce this custom to my children as soon as they are a little older, to add my side to Christmas."

GREATEST NIGHT

"Christmas Eve is the greatest family night of the year in Denmark. All towns go dead after 1 p.m.," he added.

German Christmas is better because "in the morning of Christmas Day we—the par-

ents—can sleep in," said Henry Roethel, 2320 Arbutus, in Canada for many years.

"You see, we give out the presents on Christmas Eve."

"We miss the snow here and

often go up to the Malahat so our children and we can go sleigh-riding," added the Bavarian in whose native Munich there is snow by November.

"At home here we sing Ger-

man carols. We have a piano and my son, who is 13, plays the violin. At midnight, we attend the Roman Catholic Christmas mass in Oak Bay.

INTERNATIONAL CAROL

"You know what makes me happy? That Silent Night has become a truly international Christmas carol," he added.

At Milko Jadresko's household on 120 Dallas, Christmas Eve supper consists of dried codfish, a traditional Yugoslavian custom kept alive by him, his wife and his children.

SING IN CHURCH

"We don't sing carols at home, we sing them in church—in Yugoslavia and here too," Mr. Jadresko said.

"We have turkey in Yugoslavia for Christmas Day dinner, and barbecued pork. This year, we will have turkey with lots of red wine."

MAKES OWN WINE

Milko makes his own wine, gallons of it.

"Otherwise, we drink, eat and visit friends on Christmas. Same here," he added.



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Homestead Sheets and Cases by Tex-Made, Snowy Cotton!

The size and kind of sheet you want for the beds in your home! New fitted sheets feature Elasto-Tex corners for easier bed-making.

Flat	63"x100", regular 3.75.	Sale, each 2.79
	72"x100", regular 3.98.	Sale, each 2.99
	81"x100", regular 4.25.	Sale, each 3.19
Fitted	39"x75", regular 4.25.	Sale, each 3.19
	54"x75", regular 4.50.	Sale, each 3.39
Cases	42"x36", regular 1.89.	Sale, pair 1.39



Thickest All-Wool Blankets from England at Savings!

62"x84". Reg. 13.50. Sale **10⁴⁹**

So soft, so warm you'll want several for each of your beds! Witney all wool blankets are closely woven, thickly napped to keep coziness in, feature long wear, three convenient sizes! White with blue, pink or green border.

72"x84", reg. 15.50.	Sale, each 11.99
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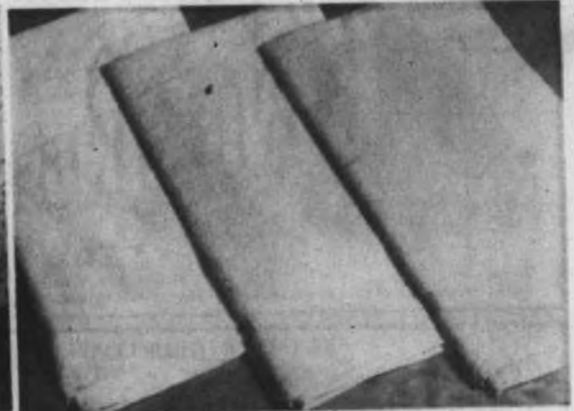


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Copied from old heirloom designs, treated to deep Bullion fringes, these rich-looking spreads feature sculptured, stylized star and flower patterns in decorator colors: Antique white, snow white.

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Deep-piled Caldwell Towels Offer Lasting Bathroom Luxury!

Bath, 22"x44". Reg. 1.69. Sale, each **1¹⁹**

A wealth of glowing colors in rich, absorbent terrycloth, deep piled and finished with puckproof Dobby borders. Borders are reinforced with nylon for longer wear. Marine glow, sunrise, yellow, jade, sea green, red, peach, lavender, azure, blue, pink, white, brown.

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Flat only: 72"x104", reg. 4.75.	Sale 3.59
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90"x104", reg. 5.98.	Sale 4.99
Cases, 42"x36", reg. 2.29.	Sale, pair 1.99

Tex-Made Combanus Percale

Fine, soft sheets and cases feature 180 threads per sq. inch, wide choice of sizes, extra length. White.

72"x104", reg. 4.98.	Sale, each 3.99
81"x104", reg. 5.50.	Sale, each 4.29
90"x104", reg. 5.98.	Sale, each 4.99
108"x116", reg. 22.95.	Sale, each 17.99
39"x75", reg. 4.75.	Sale, each 3.99
54"x75", reg. 4.95.	Sale, each 3.99
Cases, 42"x36", reg. 2.49.	Sale, pair 1.99

Fashion-tone Sheets and Cases

Green, gold, blue or pink cotton sheets by Tex-Made are colorfast, come in a choice of flat or fitted styles.

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81"x100", reg. 4.98.	Sale, each 3.99
54"x75", reg. 4.98.	Sale, each 3.99
Cases, reg. 2.29.	Sale, pair 1.79

Fashion Print or Rainbow Stripes

Tex-Made style colorfast decorator sheets and cases in "Beauty Rose" fashion print with gold, rose, lilac, or blue border or rainbow stripes.

72"x100", reg. 4.75.	Sale, each 3.49
81"x100", reg. 5.25.	Sale, each 3.99
Cases, reg. 2.49.	Sale, pair 1.99

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Fine, soft sheets and cases feature 180 threads per sq. inch for longer, more beautiful wear in these silk-smooth combanus cotton percale sheets in shades of green, gold, blue or pink.

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39"x75", reg. 5.25.	Sale, each 4.19
81"x104", reg. 5.75.	Sale, each 4.99
54"x75", reg. 5.75.	Sale, each 4.99
Cases, reg. 2.79.	Sale, pair 2.19

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Top quality blankets are down-soft, closely woven, thickly napped. Whipped ends prevent ravelling. Cream with colored border.

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80"x90", reg. 9.45.	Sale, pair 6.99
80"x100", reg. 10.50.	Sale, pair 7.79

Satin-Bound Blend Blankets

Cuddle into coziness; cuddle into a lightweight nylon and viscose warmer, featuring deep 6" satin binding.

72"x84". Blue, gold, tan, green, pink. Sale, each **4⁹⁹**

"Royal Orchid" Flannelette Blankets

70"x90" blankets, lightweight warmers in flannelette, feature beautiful, decorative Royal Orchid border in blue, gold, rose or lilac.

Sale, each **3⁹⁹**

Clearance of Favorite Bedspreads

Cotton Chenille Spreads

Reg. 9.95 to 16.95 spreads are colorfast, fringed and easy-care. Wide choice of colors in single or double bed size.

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Creme-Cover Comforters

Fashion print Terylene-filled comforters are perfect for chill-chasing! You'll love the floral prints in shades of blue, yellow, pink or lavender.

Single bed size, 60"x80". Sale 7⁹⁹	Double bed size, 70"x80". Sale 9⁹⁹
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9 o'Clock Specials

Personal shopping only.

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Chenille bedspreads — Colorfast spreads feature fringed border, come in assorted plains, double and single bed size. Sale, each **4⁷⁷**

White cotton sheets — Slight flaws class as subs but won't impair the wear. 81"x100" in snowy white bleached cotton. Sale, each **1⁹⁷**

2 o'Clock Specials

Personal shopping only.

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Standard size pillow cases — Snowy white bleached cotton percale cases are standard 42" size. Sale, pair **99^c**

Terrycloth bath towels — Fluffy, fully absorbent bath towels, assorted colors and patterns. 22"x44". Sale, each **74^c**

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Cool and comfortable always, these plump, buoyant pillows feature a removable, zippered cover, are non-allergenic, offer long service. Sale, each **4⁹⁹**

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Youths on Bail

Damage Charge Admitted

Two Victoria youths who did nearly \$800 damage to S. J. Willis Junior High School and robbed two stores were allowed to go home for Christmas on \$250 bail pending probation officer's report.

Their case was moved up to city magistrate's court where they appeared yesterday before Magistrate William Ostler.

DENYING?

"Do you think you deserve to go home for Christmas after what you have done?" the magistrate asked John Nelson Fleming, 16, of 163 Olive, and Joseph Botte, 16, of 1079 Willow.

The pair admitted entering the school early on the morning of Nov. 24, tearing an intercommunication telephone receiver off the hook, smashing classroom doors, throwing eight gallons of paint around the art room, stealing ice cream in the cafeteria, and tearing up books and sheet music in the music room.

TWO ROBBERIES

They also admitted breaking into Gordon Fish Ltd. auto parts, 1319 Quadra, on Dec. 8 and stealing flashlights, stamps and a letter opener, worth a total of \$17.90.

They further admitted entering and robbing Fairfield Barber Shop, 309 Cook, on Dec. 15. Their loot was \$60 in cash, razors and a hening stone.

An order for restitution was made.

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Names in News

Chained Boy Rescued

KANSAS CITY — An eight-year-old boy, chained to a bed and alone, was rescued from a second-floor bedroom of a burning home Sunday.

His widowed mother, Mrs. Bernice Weatherford, was charged with contributing to delinquency of a minor. She was released on \$25 bond. She described her only child as a "disturbed child" and said he was to enter the state mental hospital at Fulton, Md. Wednesday.

Heat from a gas stove ignited an overstuffed chair in the bedroom, said battalion chief Lester Williams. He said John had almost suffocated when he was freed. Firemen cut the chain.

NEW YORK — Joseph P. Kennedy's personal fortune is estimated at \$300,000,000 in an article in the current issue of Fortune magazine, which says the president's father made considerable money in post-war real estate and oil ventures. The article says about half the Kennedy fortune is tied up in trust funds for Kennedy children and grandchildren.

VATICAN CITY — Pope John XXIII celebrated a mass Christmas Eve and then gave a blessing to "all the human family."

GLASGOW — A shave cost Malcolm Crow \$21 Sunday. Police testified they spotted his car veering and found Crow was shaving with an electric razor. He was fined for careless driving.

MONTEAL — Mayor Jean Drapeau's little son Francois was taken downtown to see Santa Claus. When the boy gave his name, Santa asked: "Are you by any chance a relative of Mayor Drapeau?" "He is my father," said Francois.

"After Christmas I won't have any more work," said Santa. "Will you ask your father if he has a job for me?"

LOS ANGELES — Comedian Tommy Bruce pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles Monday to a charge of narcotics possession. He was arrested Oct. 5 in a North Hollywood shop where agents said narcotics had changed hands.

SEOUL — The military junta Monday ordered the release of six politicians serving prison terms for their alleged part in rigging elections on behalf of ex-president Syngman Rhee in 1960. They include ex-minister of reconstruction Nohm Hyeon Hunk, ex-education minister Chul Jae Yoo and ex-social health minister Nohm Chang Whan.

PALM BEACH, Fla. — James McGraw, 67, U.S. attorney-general in the Truman administration, died here of a heart attack.

LONDON — Lady Ella, wife of scientist Sir Charles Ellis, says she cleans the teeth of her two pet dachshunds with brush and toothpaste every day. She says the dogs don't mind as long as the toothpaste is banana flavored.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, Alta. — Mrs. Lorne Adams of Orilla, Ont., a great granddaughter of explorer David Thompson, recently visited this western Alberta community, starting point of many of Thompson's explorations.

BRISBANE, Australia (Reuters) — Every day a 24-year-old local clerk eats half a pound of peanuts to safeguard his life. Joseph Morvion is a haemophilic, and doctors found peanuts contain a substance which is active in blood coagulation.

GANDER, Nfld. — A Christmas in the custody of Canadian immigration is in store for Miles Navrátil, who fled his Czechoslovakian homeland as a stowaway on a Cuban airliner.

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Peter Pan Brassieres—"Hidden Treasure" cotton broadcloth bra has soft, "plenum" padding for better form. 32-38, A and B. Reg. 2.98. **Sale 1⁹⁹**

Peter Pan Strapless—Convertible strapless has nylon lace cups underwired for comfortable control. Batiste elastic sides, back. 32 to 36, A.B.C. Black or white. Reg. 3.98. **Sale 2⁹⁹**

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Playtex Brassieres—"Living Bras" in bandeau style feature embroidered nylon criss-cross front. Reg. 3.95 and 4.95. 32 to 40, A.B.C. fittings. **Sale 2⁹⁹** D fitting. **Sale 3⁹⁹**

Longline Playtex—Smooth and control your midriff with one of these comfortable Playtex longlines. Reg. 6.95 and 7.95. 32-40, B and C fittings. **Sale 4⁹⁹** D fittings. **Sale 5⁹⁹**

Daisy Longline Bras—Feature Leno stretch Terylene for longer wear, elasticized sides for snug fit. 34 to 40, B.C.D. Reg. 3.98. **Sale 2⁹⁹**

FAMOUS NAME GIRDLES

Vogue Lycra Girdles—Lycra power net features 2 1/2" band, zipper and criss-cross front, a satin panel. S.M.L. and XL. **Sale, each 5⁹⁹**

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Gossard Pull-on Girdles—"Answer-Deb" girdle of lightweight power net features positive control. S.M.L. Reg. 8.95. **Sale 5⁹⁹**

Gossard Pantie Girdle—Long-leg pantie girdle slims and controls thighs, offers a long, smooth line under slim fashions. S.M.L. and XL. Reg. 12.95. **Sale 9⁹⁹**

Gossard's "Answer" Girdle—Nylon elastic with Helanca plush binding designed for support at front, side, back. No bones. Side zipper. 27 to 32. **Sale, each 9⁹⁹**

Nemo High-Waist Girdle—Made of "Lycra" leno, this girdle features front boning, side zipper, excellent control. Average only, 27 to 34. Reg. \$15. **Sale 9⁹⁹**

Formfit Pantie Girdle—"Skippees" feature power net sides, satin elastic front and back panels, 2 1/2" waistband. S.M.L. Reg. 6.50. **Sale 3⁹⁹**

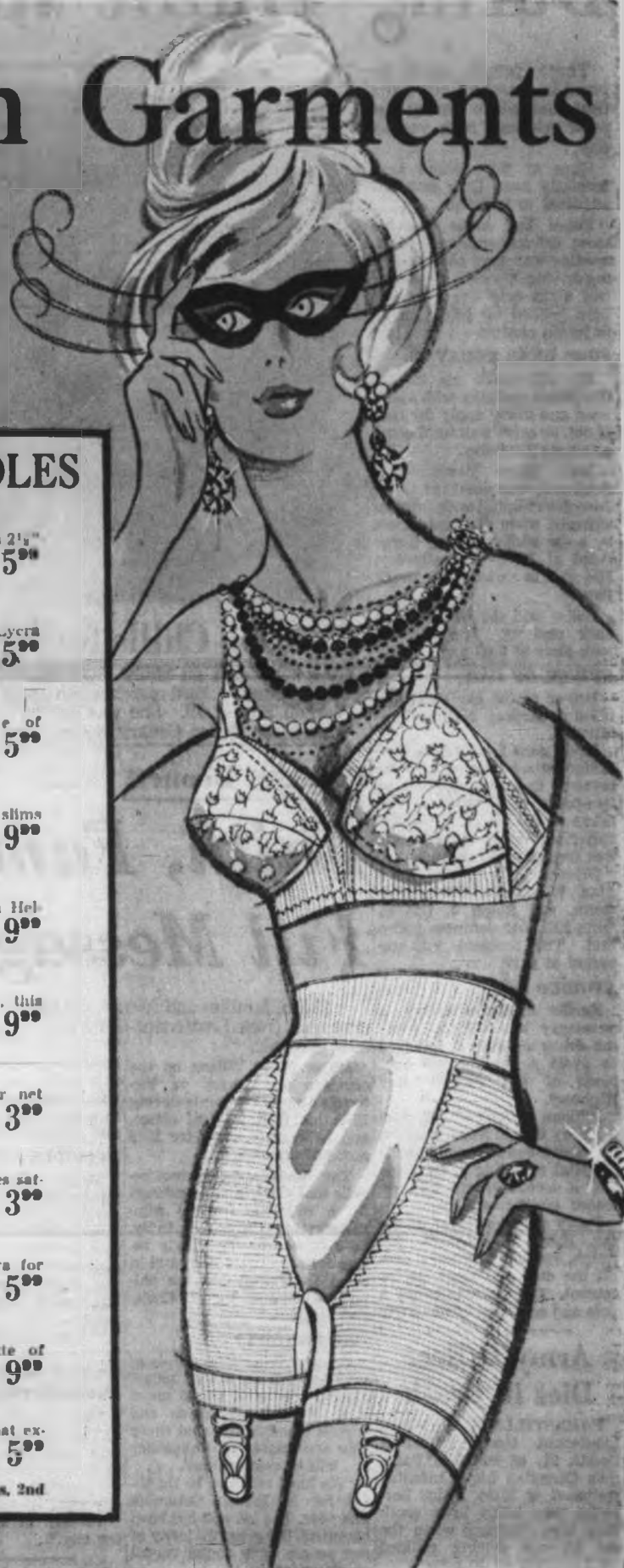
Formfit Pull-on Girdle—"Skippees" pull-on features satin elastic front and back, power net sides and 2 1/2" waistband. S.M.L. Reg. 6.50. **Sale 3⁹⁹**

Nemo Long-Leg Pantie—Girdle is made of Lycra for lots of lightweight, positive control. S.M.L. and XL. **Sale 5⁹⁹**

Nemo Corasette—Boneless, front zipper corasette of nylon power net and satin elastic. Semi-low back. B and C, 34-42. **Sale, each 9⁹⁹**

Nemo Pull-on Girdle—Pull-on is made of Lycra that exerts the disciplinary control you want in a light-handed manner! S.M.L. and XL. **Sale, each 5⁹⁹**

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Three Hurt in Area During Traffic Rush

Three people were injured in a rash of accidents that took place during the pre-Christmas rush yesterday.

None of the victims were seriously hurt. Only one was admitted to hospital.

Police last night reported most drivers appeared to be heeding warnings about drinking driving. Up until press time last night only one man had been booked by police on an impaired charge.

SORE HEAD TODAY

He will wake up in jail Christmas morning with a sore head and likely apply for bail. If not, he must wait until court convenes Thursday.

Mrs. Marie Young, 2535 Rockwell, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital with injuries suffered when she was struck by a car while crossing Gorge Road at Rockwell yesterday. She was in satisfactory condition.

Police said she was wearing dark clothing. The accident took place at 5:03 p.m.

DRIVER OF CAR

Driver of the car was identified as Rodney Nesbitt, 1466 Mitchell.

Mrs. Lorne Leyland, 23, 3080 Millgrove, a passenger in a car involved in a two-car crash at Pembroke and Quadra was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital suffering from a cut eye. She was treated and released.

Drivers of the cars were Alan W. Smith, 2085 Goldsmith, and Ralph J. Davies, Suite 203, 1012 Johnson, police said. The accident was reported at 6:12.

AVOIDED DOG

Earlier in the afternoon a passenger was injured when the driver of the car swerved to avoid a dog on the 5900 block of the Patricia Bay Highway.

William J. Nicholls, 67, 3488 St. Mary Street, North Vancouver, was taken to Royal Jubilee Hospital suffering chest pains and a sore leg. He was released after treatment.

Police said the driver of the car, Ethel M. Nicholls, 722 Ralph, swerved to avoid a dog, hit the dog, and went out of control. The car skidded a pole and ended up in the ditch.

Army Officer Dies in Crash

PARKVILLE — Second Lieutenant George Harry Dodds, 31, of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, stationed at Work Point Barracks, was killed in a crash near here Saturday when the car he was driving collided with another at 10 p.m.

Inquest was adjourned until Jan. 16.

The other car was driven by David Inkster of Port Alberni. Mr. Inkster and passengers Ipsena Bouws, of HMCS New Glasgow, and Kenneth Nelson, of Port Alberni, suffered cuts and abrasions and were taken to hospital.

Lt. Dodds will be given a military funeral at Knox United Church at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Around Town

Dinner, All Trimmings For Outcasts of City

Men with no place to go and no use to care for them will be given a free Christmas dinner today by the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Corps, 550 Yates.

Among the nearly 100 men who may attend the 4 p.m. dinner will be the Johnson and Flagard Street outcasts with long shaggy topcoats and several days' stubble on their chins.

Unlike many other groups, the Salvation Army will welcome them all with no questions asked and none turned away.

Maj. George Wright, in charge of the dinner, said last night the men will be fed a full-course turkey dinner, hot mince pie, plum pudding with sauce, nuts and candy, apples and oranges, and a pair of socks for a Christmas present.

A Methosin family whose home was badly damaged by fire a week before Christmas, yesterday was offered the temporary use of a home at Milne's Landing near Sooke.

Terry White, his wife and three sons, moved in with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. George White, 3467 Happy Valley Road, after flames swept through their home at 3763 Duke Road, Wednesday.

Christmas presents and a decorated Christmas tree were lost in the blaze.

But, the family will have a fine Christmas, thanks to



No Chills for Her

Keeping warm on chilly days is no problem for Little Missy. Bird perches on pipe of owner Vernon Foster, 79. She was one of his entries in Vancouver Roller Canary Society song contest.

Pearkes, Bennett

Faith, Family Fill Messages

Faith, families and friends are themes of Christmas messages from Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes and Premier Bennett.

Mayor R. B. Wilson on the occasion looks back on Victoria's accomplishments during 1962, his first year of office, and forward to hoped-for 1963 accomplishments.

The lieutenant-governor recalls that Christmas is primarily a religious festival commemorating Christ's nativity. "We rejoice at the yearly remembrance of His birth and in the Holy Family see the pattern of conduct for all Christian families."

UNITED TODAY

He continues, "Thousands of families will be united today. Modern means of travel make it so easy for relatives and friends to assemble, and those who are unable to foregather... will be remembered..."

"We have much to be thankful for in British Columbia this year. The harvest has been bountiful, the great majority of our people have found useful employment in the industries of this province and fortunately have been spared domestic or international strife."

RENEWAL OF FAITH

The premier says, "Our thoughts turn once more to warm associations with our friends and families and to a renewal of the faith which makes Christmas surely the most beautiful observance of the year."

"The life of each of us is

enriched at Christmas time by a priceless gift — the love of our fellow man who joins us in a timeless prayer for peace and goodwill to the earth over."

FULFILL A NEED

Mayor Wilson says, "The opening of the new View Street parking facility fulfilled a long-standing need, and, now that we have the assent of the ratepayers, an early start on the development of Victoria Centennial Square will be made."

"These two things are merely forerunners of other things we hope can be accomplished."

EXPRESS THANKS

"May I... express my thanks to the citizens who have faithfully supported me during the past year and pay tribute to the members of council and the city staff who have worked so devotedly in the interests of the city."

Sailor Fined

Michael W. Whalen, HMCS Jonquiere, was fined \$20 in Esquimalt magistrate's court yesterday for being a minor in possession of liquor.

Children's Luncheon

Rotary Club of Victoria will hold its annual children's luncheon in the Empress Hotel at noon Thursday.

Reverence of Nativity

Jesus' Birth Re-Enacted in Grotto

BETHLEHEM (AP) — The bearded patriarch of Jerusalem knelt Monday in the tiny grotto where Christ is reported to have been born, and picked up a small swaddled form representing the Christ child to express Christendom's reverence of the Nativity.

As the bells of Bethlehem's churches pealed the midnight arrival of the Holy Day, Patriarch Alberto Gori re-enacted the scene of almost 2,000 years ago.

The figure of the Christ child was lifted from his birthplace and carefully placed at the altar on the manger where the infant spent His first night on earth.

In a grotto softly lit by flickering candles and lined by priests and monks where wise men and shepherds once stood, the birthplace was marked by a silver 14-pointed star on the floor.

A golden star once marked the place, but it fell victim to the ancient religious rivalries concerning the Nativity church site. The church now is divided among Romans, Greeks and Armenian rites, each insistent on its prerogatives.

Christmas Eve ceremonies broadcast to the world by Jordan Radio—were held at the Roman Catholic Saint Catherine's Church adjoining the Greek Orthodox altar directly above the grotto.

As always, Saint Catherine's was jammed with Christians from around the world. Among them were Christians in Indian saris, African robes and Western clothing.

At the top of the church a giant electric star shone across the Judean hills as the star of Bethlehem once appeared to the wise men.

In the surrounding hills, shepherds still shelter flocks of sheep in countless grottos as they did long before the first star of Bethlehem appeared.

Across from the church on the manger square, at the Muezzina Tower Mosque, came a Muslim call to prayer. Many Muslims thought also of Christ, who is venerated by Muslims as a holy prophet.

Christmas Eve ceremonies inside the Ancient church—which was rebuilt by the Roman emperor Justinian in the sixth century—marked the end of a long day of holy festivities. These started beneath a warm noonday sun when the patriarch led a Roman procession into Bethlehem from Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, a short distance across the Judean hills, Protestants gathered in shepherds' fields—where shepherds first

heard the angels sing of Christ on Christmas night—to sing hymns and offer up prayers for peace.

As worshippers from many lands prayed for peace, sandbagged gun emplacements looked down on the Holy Land from atop the brown hills. These mark the battle line between Jordan and Israel, still technically at war. The demarcation line now winds south of Jerusalem, cutting the old road to Bethlehem.

For Christmas there was a brief feeling of brotherhood. Each year Jordanians permit some Arab Christians to cross into Jerusalem through the Mandelbaum Gate to visit separated relatives.

This year 2,698 crossed over Monday morning but must return through the barbed wire corridor by Christmas night.

Merry Christmas

May the happiness of the Christmas season be in your homes and hearts always...

Hudson's Bay Company

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The Bay will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day... re-opens Dec. 27th, 9 a.m.



Beacon for Santa?

Shining like "good deed in naughty world" is candle being trimmed by golden-haired Janice Edwards, above. But you may be sure there's no naughtiness this Christmas-tide in world of four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Edwards, 129 Beach Drive, as she places light so Santa can find her tree.—(Ann Wilson).

The Church in Our Time

Public Image Of Church Gains Ground

By JURGEN HESSE
(Eighth of a series)

Victoria clergymen think the public image of the church in Canada is gaining steadily, either generally or "the right kind of church" as one put it.

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No Paper Until Friday

There will be no regular edition of The Daily Colonist until Friday morning as Columbus staffers will take a two-day break to enjoy the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays.

Friday's paper will feature complete news of the Christmas holiday, including pictures and stories of The Daily Colonist Christmas Tree Golf Tournament Wednesday at Colwood.

Nothing Taken

Thieves broke into Hickman Tye Hardware, 910 View, late last night but apparently nothing was taken.

\$100,000 Loot Bagged In Burnaby

BURNABY (CP)—Two armed bandits entered a bank branch here Monday evening and made away with the Christmas Eve deposits of a department store, estimated by police at "more than \$100,000."

The amount of the take in the daringly-executed robbery was in doubt for some time. But six hours after the holdup the RCMP confirmed the total.

The men made their way into the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce branch 1½ hours after closing time, held manager William Barber and employees at gunpoint, and scooped money from a counter.

Mr. Barber at first estimated the loss at \$25,000, but the bank later said the RCMP announcement was correct.

An all-points police bulletin issued by Burnaby RCMP said the men were believed to be driving a two-tone blue car.

Police also gave two names in their bulletin.

YOUNG MEN

Mr. Barber said the men, whom he described as "youngish," entered the bank about 4:30 p.m.

"The bandits sprang a lock on the door as the weekly money was being counted."

"We had a full staff of 10 on at the time but only six were in the main office."

"One of the men just said 'hold it.' They scooped up the money in about two minutes and fled."

NEW PATTERN

"They must have watched the place for weeks. They knew our general pattern of operation."

The branch at Kingsway and McMurray is across the street from Simpson-Sears department store. The money had been deposited earlier by the store, said Mr. Barber.

One of the robbers carried a revolver, the other an automatic. Neither threatened the staff with any physical harm.

Most of the money was in denominations of \$10 and \$20. The robbers left through the door they entered.

Gunmen Hijack \$100,000

DES PLAINES, Ill. (AP)—A Brink's armored car, waiting with a single guard for a collection at a bowling alley, was hijacked Monday night by three masked gunmen who fled with at least \$100,000 police said.

The guard, Frank Neuberger, was surprised by the gunmen while his partner was inside the River Rand Bowl making a collection. Des Plaines is a suburb northwest of Chicago.

The bandits forced their way into the truck at gunpoint, handcuffed and hooded Neuberger with a paper sack then drove the truck to a nearby vacant lot.

Partridges Discovered

NEW YORK (UPI)—There's no Santa Claus in the files of the New York Life Insurance Company but a check yesterday disclosed there are 80 policy holders named Santa and 348 named Claus.

It was also discovered there are 815 Partridges, 45 Pears and 40 Trees.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Christians the world over are observing the birthday of the Prince of Peace with religious services, feasting and family reunions.

Some 30,000 pilgrims from far corners of the globe flocked to the little town of Bethlehem outside Jerusalem for Christmas celebrations.

CENTRE

In dozens of Roman Catholic and Protestant churches dotting the Holy City, Christmas services have been under way for several days. The centre of worship is the sixth-century Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Christ was born of Mary.

In the annual spirit of goodwill the ancient Mandelbaum Gate was opened to allow Israeli Arabs to visit with relatives in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem, near Bethlehem.

PAPAL BLESSING

In Vatican City, Pope John XXIII celebrated Christmas Eve mass and gave his apostolic blessing to "all the human family."

The 81-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church, recovering from a serious illness, directed his greetings particularly to the old and infirm and those "suffering for their faith"—a clear reference to curbs on religion in Communist countries.

WHITE, COLD

It was a white Christmas—and a cold one—for most of western Europe. Booming prosperity made it a gay holiday, too, with thousands going on tours. Ski resorts were packed out.

Queen Elizabeth and other members of the Royal Family gathered at Sandringham, the monarch's country estate.

For most Italians it was a quiet and white Christmas.

Communist-ruled Poland was brightened by gaily-lit Christmas trees. Even the Communists got into the spirit of

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Queen Speaks

LONDON (CP)—The Queen, in her annual Christmas message today, emphasized the "special relations" which bind the "ordinary people of the older Commonwealth countries."

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Operation Hailed

Last Plane Arrives From Cuba

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The final plane load of Cuban invasion prisoners dropped out of a partly overcast Miami sky Monday night for joyous Christmas Eve family reunions, ending an operation hailed by President Kennedy.

The last plane of the two-day Havana-Miami airlift was the ninth flight which touched down at Homestead Air Force Base at 6:30 p.m. PST.

Aboard the craft was a trio of men who led the volunteer

brigade of some 2,800 in the April 17, 1961 abortive Bay of Pigs invasion.

They were Jose Peres San Roman, the military commander; Anido Oliva, second in command; and Manuel Orfano, a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Council.

Also aboard was James B. Donovan, New York lawyer,

MIAMI (UPI)—New York attorney James Donovan, flushed with his success in negotiating a swap of goods for Cuban invasion prisoners, came home last night with a "firm pledge" from Fidel Castro for early release of 51 Americans in Cuban jails.

who represented American interests in negotiations with Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

President Kennedy, at the winter White House at Palm Beach, Fla., said, "this Christmas will be a little brighter for all Americans because these men are being united with their loved ones."

He said he believed "that bringing about the freedom of these prisoners and saving them from a slow death is in the interest of our national principles."

CHRISTMAS BONUS

Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro ticked what he called a "Christmas bonus" onto his agreement to free the invasion captives. The bearded revolutionary said "600 of their kinsfolk in Cuba could follow them on a freighter which brought prisoner ransom to Havana."

At Homestead Air Force Base, where liberated prisoners capered on and kissed American soil, and at Miami, where their families and friends clasped for them, Christmas Eve was a sight to behold.

HAPPY BERNING

It was a day of wildly happy "abrazos"—Latin bearing embraces—and tears of sheer joy as Operation Ransom roared into high gear in a determined effort to have all 1,113 invasion survivors on free U.S. soil well in time for Christmas.

City Blaze Injures Firefighter

A city fireman was injured while fighting a blaze at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Vance, 2547 Garden Street, late last night.

Treated at Royal Jubilee Hospital for a cut hand was Lieut. Harry Marston, 453 Arnold, who injured his hand while smashing a window to release heat. Mrs. Vance, a waitress, was not home when the fire was reported at 10:35 p.m. Its cause was not known at press time.

The living room was gutted and there was heavy smoke damage to the other rooms.

Merry Christmas

CHRISTENDOM HAILS PRINCE OF PEACE



After Hectic Good-Will Tour, Santa Rests

Too tired to undress after chasing all over world last night, delivering presents and wishing peace on earth among people

of all nations, is jolly but weary Santa Claus, fast asleep on his bed.—(Ryan Bros.)

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Victoria Flowers Bloom for Christmas

The rest of Canada shivers under winter's ice blasts at Christmas, but in balmy Victoria flowers bloom the year round. Even on Christmas Eve photographers were able to stroll along Belleville Street and photograph a variety of flowers in bloom, including

roses, fuchsias, daisies and pansies. Above, blooms of Japanese plum tree near legislative buildings caught attention of six-year-old Eddie Wakely, left, and his brother, Steven, 4, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wakely, 99 Tolmie.—(Bud Kinsman.)

Green Today But White Next Week?

A green Christmas but a possible white New Year is in the cards for Victoria, according to the weathermen.

Daffy Daffs

Blooming Holiday Trick!

By JACK FRY

Spring flowers from the Saanich Peninsula are wishing Merry Christmas to people all across Canada.

Saanich bulb and flower grower Geoffrey Vantreigh, who uses a special technique, has shipped 15,000 dozen daffodils, tulips and narcissus to markets all across Canada to Newfoundland and north to the Yukon.

He tricks the bulbs into "thinking" it is spring and producing flowers while it is still winter here.

SCIENTISTS CO-OPERATE

The technique was worked out over a period of years with the co-operation of scientists at the Saanichton experimental farm.

Mr. Vantreigh said he digs up the bulbs in July and rushes them artificially through the summer, fall and winter seasons, so they will produce flowers months ahead of time.

He heats them at 95 degrees for 10 to 15 days in temperature and humidity-controlled greenhouse rooms. He then gives them a 10-to-15-day fall at 60 degrees, followed by six weeks of winter at 44 degrees.

THINK IT'S SPRING

The artificial winter ends in October, when the bulbs are planted in soil in wooden containers called flats. The flats are placed outdoors, where the bulbs "think it is springtime and put out roots rapidly."

Near the end of November, when it starts getting chilly outside, the flats are carried into the greenhouse and kept at 65 degrees.

The unsuspecting bulbs, convinced that spring is really here, start to throw out flowers. Mr. Vantreigh harvests the Christmas crop and ships it air freight.

Children's Party Set for Friday

The Lions Club of Victoria plans a boys' and girls' Christmas party Friday, Dec. 28, at noon at the Empress. The club has a board meeting Jan. 6.



PAMELA RIPPON

Seen In Passing

Pamela Rippon weighing some chocolates. (At 18, she manages a candy shop and lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rippon, 3118 Irma. Her hobby is knitting.) ... Claudia Cruise taking her cat for a walk ... Mrs. Ellen Black getting her first sight of the legislative buildings lighted up, although she has lived here since 1900 ... Ma Lescoe recalling when she used to play grass hockey ... Her husband, Tom Lescoe, talking about the old days at Margaret Jenkins School ... Betty Ash picking a carnation bloom from her tree ... Lloyd and Sheila Smith describing their recent trip to New Zealand and saying they would like to go back ... Larry Dale wishing everybody a Merry Christmas.

Martlet Head Heading East

Editor-in-chief Tony Elce of the Victoria University student newspaper, The Martlet, will attend the national conference of the Canadian University Press in Ottawa Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

Host to the conference this year is the student newspaper at Carleton University, Ottawa.

At the conference student editors discuss common problems, receive professional advice and have their newspapers rated with other university papers.

Next: Thursday Bargains

Christmas Eve Busiest As Throngs Jam Stores

Crowds jammed downtown Victoria department stores yesterday for last-minute Christmas shopping ... and when doors closed at 5:30 p.m. staff in some stores began feverishly marking down prices on Christmas items, as much as to half-price, for Thursday morning's opening.

Department store employees said they thought yesterday was the busiest Christmas Eve they had ever seen.

The supervisor of the Christmas items section of a department store said that yesterday was the busiest this season.

A supervisor in another store estimated the busiest shopping days as last Saturday, last Friday and yes-

terday in that order. But he said yesterday's was an unprecedented rush for Christmas Eve.

The rush might have been due to civil servants having the day off, he said.

Downtown stores and sidewalks were jammed with last-minute shoppers at mid-afternoon. Rush-hour traffic crawled along downtown streets.

Shoppers filled liquor stores and there were sizable lineups on the streets outside both the Humboldt Street and Johnson Street stores all day.

But liquor store crowds were reported no bigger than anticipated, and no bigger than in other years.

Greeks, Swedes Mark Big Day Oceans from Home

By DON GAIN

A Greek and a Swedish ship at Ogden Point are doing their best to capture the spirit of Christmas even though they are a long way from home.

The Albert Thore, whose home port is Jonstorp, Sweden, served Christmas dinner to her officers and men last night.

According to first cook Leif Monquist, 23, of Helsingborg, and saloon boy Leif Ek, 18, of Karlshamn, there was no shortage of food.

MEATBALLS, GINGER CAKE After a smorgasbord of pickled herring, herring salad and other delicacies, they served fish and rice, Swedish meatballs, lutefisk, sausage, ham, brown cabbage, coffee and ginger cake.

And, of course, aquavit. But no turkey.

"Not for Christmas," said Leif Ek, whose last name means "oak."

Today is a holiday for the men and, because there is no special program on board, they are free to accept invitations from Victorians who might like to have an extra guest for Christmas dinner.

The Greek Christmas dinner is not too different from a Canadian one, first mate Ioannis Andreou of the Ocean Seigneur said yesterday.

The 34-year-old mate from the island of Andros said the 33 officers and men of his ship would eat turkey today. They will have Christmas bread and special cakes.

He explained that the big day for the seamen is Dec. 6, St. Nicholas' Day, for he is their patron saint.

"On that day we have a special cake with a coin in it. The one who gets the coin is given a prize. I found the coin in my piece of cake last year and the captain gave me \$15," Ioannis said with a smile.

Jail Menu Traditional

If you are unfortunate enough to spend Christmas Day in the Victoria jail, it may not be as bad as you might expect—at least you'll have Christmas dinner.

"They got a turkey dinner," Victoria police chief John Blackstock told the Colonist yesterday.

"With all the trimmings," the reporter asked.

"Well," said deputy chief Harold Mercer, "there will be no wine or liquors."

Sally Ann Works Late

The Salvation Army worked late into last night distributing food hampers to the last needy families missed by numerous other agencies in Greater Victoria.

"We've been receiving calls right up to the last minute, and we've been filling them," said Maj. Ronald Frewing.

The family and children's service also assisted one needy family which asked for help yesterday.

The Communist Chest's Christmas Bureau closed up shop Saturday, after serving as clearing house for more than 1,000 persons and families.

Is Santa A Yank?

Santa Claus is an American to some children of the Gulf Islands.

Thirty-four members of the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce aboard the Pacific American Fisheries packer Karluck took gifts to children on Salt Spring, Mayne, Galiano and North Pender Islands during a two-day goodwill tour through the Gulf and San Juan Islands.

The Jaycees put into Sidney overnight, where they were presented with a large holly wreath by Chamber of Commerce president Donovan Ruffie, and given a box of goodies by A. A. Cormack for the village commission, to be given to the orthopedic ward of the Bellingham Hospital.

Safecrackers

Bag for Robbers Nearly \$20,000

Safecrackers have made off with nearly \$20,000 from four robberies in the Greater Victoria area during the Christmas season.

Latest safecracking was Sunday night, when thieves made off with a 400-pound safe containing \$1,800 in cash and \$2,100 in cheques from Wellburn's Low Cost Market, 1058 Pandora.

ROUND CLOCK

City and Saanich police detectives and the RCMP are working round the clock on investigations of all four unsolved cases, but to date have little to report.

Safecrackers got away with \$6,500 in cash Friday night, when they wrenched a 300-pound safe from its concrete base at A-Lo-Hi Market, 4142 Wilkison.

Early this month, the safe of Humber Bros. Furniture Ltd., 531 Bastion, was burglarized, with the loss of \$363.

SAME WEEKEND

The same weekend, Colwood Pharmacy, 801 Goldstream, reported the theft of three days' receipts amounting to several thousand dollars when its safe was cracked.

The Wellburn robbery was carried out between noon and 9 p.m. Sunday, Mr. Wellburn had checked the store at noon and everything was in order. Tenants who lived over the store heard a car door close at 8:30 p.m. The robbery was discovered around 9.

Foresters of MacMillan, N.N. The 400-pound safe, measuring three feet by 28 inches by 24 inches, had been carried out through a rear door. In the safe were the cash and cheques, all stamped "for deposit only."

The cracked safe was found early yesterday morning in the Moore-Waltington Lumber Co. Ltd. parking lot at Pleasant and John.

The safe from the A-Lo-Hi Market was found Saturday night by Saanich police in the bushes near Thetis Lake. The thieves had used a spray can of artificial snow, which they had stolen from the market, to print "Merry Christmas" on the lid of the safe. There was no sign of the \$6,500 in cash.

PRIZED PRIZE

The thieves had stolen the safe by prying it out of its concrete base and loading it on a rubber-tired freight dolly.

When Saanich detectives recovered the A-Lo-Hi Market safe, they also found in the bushes a clothing dummy which had been stolen from Reitman's clothing store at Town and Country Shopping Plaza Aug. 23, and a freight dolly, worth \$85, which had been stolen in the city earlier.

Meeting Thursday

Kiwanis clubs of Victoria North and Oak Bay will hold an inter-club meeting in Oak Bay Beach Hotel at 8:15 p.m. Thursday.

STAFF NOTEBOOK

Beads of Knowledge Shaming Computers

RING IN THE OLD: With tabulators, calculators and computers at their disposal, two provincial government statisticians are using simple adding machines of beads on wires. Howie Thornton and Harland Clark, B.S.C., are using an improved version of the abacus—a frame holding a number of wires with beads on each wire, similar to the abacus that some Chinatown storekeepers use on lower Flag.

What they are using is a Japanese version of the abacus, called soroban, but they don't use it for all calculations. Harland uses his for addition and subtraction although it can multiply and divide as well. They use them for such work as predicting labor force changes and employment research calculations generally.

Howie reminded us of the 1954 competition in Japan between an electronic computer and a soroban specialist when the soroban won hands down. He



Not a Very Good Joke

Merry Christmas sign in artificial snow, left on stolen safe found in Thetis Lake bushes didn't impress Saanich detective Robin Stewart as a very good joke. Thieves took \$6,500 in cash from safe. It was one of our safe crackings during the Christmas season in the Greater Victoria area in which nearly \$20,000 was stolen. This safe was taken at the weekend from A-Lo-Hi Market, 4142 Wilkison. Thieves also filched artificial snow to make their greeting.—(Robin Clarke.)

'Should've Seen Smiles'

Chief Expresses Band's Gratitude

Chief Samuel Sam of the Tsimshian Indian band in West Saanich and Chief John Albany of the Songhees band in Esquimalt expressed gratitude last night for help given to needy families on the reserves this Christmas.

"God bless all the people who donated and the Colonist staff who worked so hard. You should have seen the smiles on their faces. It was wonderful," said Chief Sam.

"You just don't know how much it means to men who have been out of work for half-a-year when they find out their families now can have a Merry Christmas," he said.

"I cannot express my feelings enough. I want to thank everybody."

Chief Albany wanted to thank all the agencies which helped his people at Christmas, the Colonist 500 Fund, the Community Chest and the Indian Arts and Crafts Centre.

"With the help we got from these organizations, we will have a nice Christmas on the reserve. It is wonderful to know that we live in a city which helps the needy," said the chief.

"I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, on behalf of myself and the band."

By Ted Shackelford

It is as he'd like to see a study group formed in town, similar to groups in Japan. Inquiries should go to Mr. Harland at EV 4-2554.

The two men have even got a city stationery firm interested and a shipment of the ancient calculators arrived in town this week. They range in both size and price. Howie thinks they might catch on like mah-jongg caught on in the 1920s.

HAPPY ENDING: It's always pleasant to record an incident that proves some people follow the golden rule. So will the person who found Mrs. C. H. Whellams' purse in Eaton's the other day and turned it over to the lost and found department give Mrs. Whellams a call at EV 4-4371? Mrs. W. would like to thank you.

UNHAPPY ENDING: Unfortunately, not all people do pleasant things. Unhappy about a callous car driver is Mrs. Allan McKimmie, 235 Cook, who was a passenger on the 5:15 p.m. bus from Swartz Bay the other night. An approaching car hit a dog, using it under the wheels of the bus and upsetting the driver, the passengers, the boy who owned the dog and the boy's mother. The car which hit the dog and killed it didn't stop, Mrs. McKimmie reports.

MERRY CHRISTMAS: We racked our brains, trying to think of some cute or amusing or interesting way to say it and eventually decided the old way was best: "Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

Army Officer Dies in Crash Funeral Slated Thursday

PARISVILLE — Second Lieutenant George Harry Dodds, 21, of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry stationed at Work Point Barracks, was killed in a crash near here Saturday when the car he was driving collided with another at 10 p.m.

Inquest was adjourned until Jan. 16.

The officer's father, George T. Dodds, was one of the first persons to reach the scene.

The other car was driven by David Inkster of Port Alberni. Mr. Inkster and passengers Irena Bouwe, of HMCS New Glasgow, and Kenneth Nelson, of Port Alberni, suffered cuts and abrasions and were taken to hospital.

Lt. Dodds will be given a military funeral at Knox United Church at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

DUNCAN—Drivers and passengers in three car accidents over the weekend escaped serious injuries. In a two-car rear-end collision at Government Street damage was \$200 and drivers involved were Gregory Meredith-Jones and Albert J. James, both of Duncan.

The second mishap involved three cars at the intersection of Trunk Road and the Trans-Canada Highway. Drivers were Gurmark Parhar of Nanaimo.

Willi Delsham of Cowichan Station and Lorraine Lawrence of Youbou.

The third accident occurred when Digby Keir of Victoria smashed into a telephone pole on Lake Cowichan Road.

DUNCAN—More than twice as many entries in the commercial Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce were judged this year and Garner Building Supplies won the top prize. Two service stations among 28 competing businesses received an honorable mention.

Judges were George Schmidt, Bob Young and Bob Evans. In the residential section—90 entries—winners were:

Floodlit scene, Mrs. Betty Brown, Bell Mackinnon Road; unlimited lights, Mrs. P. Postl, 1072 Phillips Street; decorated doorway, Tom Pringle, 961 Government Street; decorated window, Eula Pringle, 961 Government Street, and open class, Gill Bruce, 711 Coronation Avenue.

Judges for this class were Maurice Keeble, chairman of the lighting contest committee; Ald. Bob Cairns, and Edward Good, president of the Duncan-Cowichan Chamber of Commerce. Winners will receive trophies and prizes at the next Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting early in January.

DUNCAN—Donald L. MacGregor pleaded guilty to failing to remain at the scene of an accident and careless driving, and was fined \$130 on both counts in police court.

DUNCAN—The official visit of provincial president S. Wilkine to the Duncan Eagles Friday night ended with a turkey dinner prepared by the ladies' auxiliary.

Sunday was family day with 95 adults and children receiving gifts. Council will be asked to grant the lodge a tag day to aid the cancer fund early in the new year.

DUNCAN—Santa Claus recently showered gifts on Sunday school students of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. MacMillan read the legend of the Christmas rose. The young entertainers were Winnie and Fiona MacKenzie, Margaret

Waldie, Sonya Kupertich, Barbara and Marian Evans, Jamie Bell, Kathleen Dwyer, Wendy Gregson, Marion Baillie, Ian and Robin Murray, Louise and Douglas Quist, Sharon Urquhart, Kim Speer, Claudette and June Rustulka, Joe Taylor, Barbara Wal, r. A Jimmie and Gordon Fraser. The carol singing was accompanied by Mrs. A. McPherson, piano; Robert Bruce, violin and F. Mustchin.

DUNCAN—Police court fines: Terrile C. Foote of Duncan, minor in possession of liquor, \$25; J. M. Peirce, East Saanich, minor driving without insurance, \$15.



The Glowing Spirit of Christmas

Soggy clothes are dried up by glowing spirit of season as group of young carolers, members of Nanaimo's senior high school choir, entertain shoppers during driving rainstorm. Group later joined larger choir for another pre-Christmas rendition. (June Leahy).

Children Pool For Trip

SAYVILLE, N.Y. — Mrs. John Hayden is packing her bags for a Christmas Eve flight to see her parents in California for the first time in 18 years—thanks to a little "pooling."

That is how the 42-year-old Long Island mother good-naturedly describes her children who pooled their resources for months to finance the trip without ever letting her know about it.

The children, ranging in ages from 16 years to 18 months, turned the trick with dimes, nickels and pennies earned in a variety of ways. Their father, John Hayden, learned of the campaign recently.

The two eldest Hayden children, John, 16, and Maureen, 15, worked up the plan of having all the children chip in each week to pay the fare. That was last summer. They passed the idea on to their sisters and brothers and the campaign was under way.

John washed dishes at a diner one day a week and Maureen worked as a counter girl.

Dennis, 14, cut lawns and did other odd jobs. Nicholas, 12, donated a great deal of his newspaper route profits. Margaret, 9, Donald, 8, Michael, 6, and Thomas, 5, chipped in dimes, nickels and pennies from their allowances and money given them for work around the house.

"Even 18-month-old Christopher did his share," Mrs. Hayden said. "If he found any coins on the floor or on a dresser, he would put them in the piggy bank for the trip."

DUNCAN—Mrs. Roy Hart is looking for an old newspaper advertisement which may help her track down a legacy she believes has been left to her in England.

Mrs. Hart was recently told by friends they had seen a newspaper advertisement in a paper in May or June of 1961 or 1962 asking her to get in touch with solicitors in England.

She does not know whether it was in a Duncan or a Victoria paper but is asking anyone who may have seen the item to get in touch with her at General Delivery, Duncan, and give her the details.

NANAIMO — Inquest into the death of Arthur Charles Battley, who died as the result of severe head injuries suffered when he fell on a Harmac construction job, was adjourned until Jan. 9.

NANAIMO — Coroner Russ Inkster said there was no evidence of carelessness in the death of 25-year-old Donald Douglas Loudon of Quarterway, near Nanaimo, who was killed when a tree fell on him on Saturday morning.

Loudon and his brother had felled one tree and were sawing it into blocks, when an older nearby fell on Loudon.

Mr. Inkster said an inquest will be held.

'Just Like Wonderland'

Priest Braves Cold On Trip to Indians

By BLAUS MIENTES

DUNCAN — Young Roman Catholic missionary with the Cowichan Indian band Rev. Joseph Rositer would have liked to bring some of the abundant snow he recently saw in the Babine Lake country as a Christmas gift to children in the Cowichan Valley.

Although Father Rositer did not quite reach the realm of Santa Claus, he and a young missionary with the Babine Indians arrived there approximately 1,500 miles north of here in a blinding snowstorm.

After the comfortable train ride to Prince George and a long trip by car to Smithers' Landing, the journey on the 100-mile-long Babine Lake in an open motor boat through the blizzard held little pleasure for the young priest.

Except for the short introduction: "Mr. Derek Hall, me bell-ringer," the Indian boat operator had offered. Little was said until the village was reached four hours later.

Now back in the more moderate climate of the Cowichan Valley Father Rositer admits it "relax" was cold up there.

"When I got up the next morning, the snowstorm had died down and the crystal surface of

the lake reflected the mountain and trees laden with snow. It was just like in a wonderland."

Father Rositer originally intended to hold a week-long preaching mission, but instead he helped his missionary friend, Rev. Ivan McCormick, to build a log rectory.

The Cowichan Valley priest had opportunities to observe the Babine Indians. He describes them as primitive but friendly.

Once a month the priest from Burns Lake comes to this com-

pletely isolated area which was first discovered by pioneer missionary Father Coccola in 1884.

Despite their complete isolation, the Babine Indians do not practice their old customs any longer. Father Rositer said they are not nearly as advanced as the Cowichan Indians.

Father Rositer says although the children of the Babines have not the slightest idea who Santa Claus is, he is certain they and their parents will have a big celebration today as Christmas is very important to them.

Blaze Burns House As Family Saved

ALBERNI — A two-storey house on the second reserve was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night as neighbors of Hughie Watts, Sr., were unable to halt the flames.

They helped members of the family of seven carry furnishings from the ground floor of the frame building but could not save the contents of the upper storey.

The house, fronting on Sproat Lake Road opposite the

McCoy Creek Bridge, has been occupied by the Watts family for many years.

There is reported to have been no insurance on the building. Mr. Watts and two of his young sons were home when the blaze started. Cause is yet unknown.

B.C. Forest Service attended the fire at the eight-room house outside the city limits. There is no fire brigade in the rural area west of the city.

Christmas Miracle Came on Wings

By BEA HAMILTON

FULFORD — The miracle of Christmas came a little late last winter for there is no Christmas like a white Christmas.

It was Christmas time all through the white world of snow last year. Birds practically lived on our front veranda. They ate in the morning, at noon and at night — and they sang.

There were song birds — the whistling blackbirds with their bell-like tones and

either sat in the tree near the house or on the railing.

When they saw us coming to feed them they sang out.

Then came the swamp-thrush with his rolling call, the cheerful little Junco with his tiny piping chirp, and the sweet-voiced song-sparrow.

The birds sang in harmony and repaid us for the crumbs from our table.

The clown of the winter party was the curious male quail as he stalked up the steps and onto the railing to

see what was going on and to find something to eat.

Warm and fed, our feathered friends survived the coldest nights, and they came back the next morning, singing for their meals as no Tommy Tucker ever sang for his supper.

The miracle of Christmas and the message of peace on earth can be felt in the birds' simple songs.

And when the snow comes this year our birds will be back, their meals will be ready for them and it will be a Merry Christmas for all.

Merry Christmas

May the happiness of the Christmas season be in your homes and hearts always...

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